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Celebrity Buzz

Daughter says dad behind murders

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MacEwan granted university status

EDUCATION Leaving behind its college namesake, the city's second-largest centre of higher learning is now known as Grant MacEwan University.

The distinction was proclaimed to a jam-packed crowd at the now-university's downtown Robbin's Health Learning Centre yesterday by Premier Ed Stelmach.

"It's part of our government's plan to build the next generation economy. We have wonderful post-secondary opportunities here in Alberta that attract students from all over the world," Stelmach said. "That's because of the high priority Albertans have put in post-secondary educations."

The university offers six baccalaureate degrees, three applied degrees, four university transfer programs and 38 diploma and certificate programs.

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Tampa Bay Lightning's Ryan Malone gets the puck past Edmonton Oilers goaltender Jeff Deslauriers for a goal during the first period of their NHL pre-season hockey action in Winnipeg last night. The Lightning won 4-3 in overtime. Story, page 17.

ElFF now playing

Canadian stars on hand for film fest's 23rd year

Edmonton International Film Festival ElFF

YURI WUENSCH
for Metro Edmonton

As the producer of the Edmonton International Film Festival, Kerrie Long does great work. She is articulate and a genuine joy to speak with. A great ambassador, but a really lousy actress.

"You got me," she said. "I'm tired. I'm going to start laughing hysterically and then completely out of control."

That sounds like a scene worth seeing during Friday night's opening gala of the ElFF, now celebrating its 23rd edition.

Competing for Long's attention will be Canadian actor Don McKellar and filmmaker Dilip Mehta, who will be here to present *Cooking with Stella*. Playing at Empire City Centre Cinemas, the film starts at 7 p.m. The *Edge-of-Night* feature at 9:30 p.m. is the Ozploitation hit *Not Quite Hollywood*.

You can hardly blame Long for being beat — reviewing 800 submissions will do that to you — but it

Online

- For a complete ElFF schedule, visit edmontonfilmfest.com.

hasn't diminished her enthusiasm for film or a good party. She says Edmonton's answer to the gala in particular, which isn't as uppity as the red carpet might otherwise imply, really sets the tone for the fest's fun run.

"Unlike other festivals," Long says, "we insist that our actors and filmmakers be here for the gala open-

ings of their films. Don McKellar has been here at least three times and he loves our audiences. He's happy to come back when we ask him. I think that says a lot about the reputation we're developing."

"The gala is also a great opportunity to meet and chat with the filmmakers and other people who just love movies."

This Saturday's reel highlights include documentaries *H2Oil* and *Winnipeg Man*, and 2007 Sundance Jury Prize Winner *The Pool*. On Sunday, look for *Son Of The Sunshine* and *The Snake*.

Police on hunt for sex predator

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CRIME Police are still on the trail of a man believed to be responsible for attacks on downtown women, as more near-victims reveal themselves.

"I was minding my own business when he rolled up beside me and asked me if I wanted a ride and if I was single," the young woman who asked to remain anonymous said. "I said 'no,' started walking and he drove really slow behind me."

Though the man began to shout lewd remarks and coaxed her to get in his pickup truck on 50 Street near 137 Avenue Monday afternoon, she said red flags weren't raised until she read his carbon-copy description in Thursday's *Metro*.

"When I read the paper, I thought 'oh my God,'" she said.

She described the suspect as sporting a baseball hat with a mullet underneath, glasses and a moustache.

Police are seeking a man of similar description who offered two women a ride in separate incidents. Both were taken to a south-side industrial area and attacked.

Edmonton Police Services sexual assault unit Staff Sgt. Brian Readman confirmed yesterday the first two victims were not sex trade workers, and believe there are more victims.



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Keep your children's teeth sparkling

Alberta Health Services has a few lunchbox tips to keep kids' teeth clean at school. Parents should avoid packing high-sugar foods such as store-bought cookies, chips and pop, because some of the sugar will stay on teeth and cause cavities. Some better choices are hard cheeses, boiled eggs and fresh fruit.

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Edmonton Tweets

- @Stu129 Calling all Eskimos fans — be loud & proud on Saturday. The players want your help!
- @MissChengA A little birdie says that Dilip Mehta and Don McKellar will be at their EIFF '09 Opening Gala screening of Cooking With Stella!!!
- @zankhamun first time testing out the new LRT cars, looking forward to the rest of the line being open!
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News in brief

HONOURS The Alberta Medical Association is giving two Edmonton-area doctors each a Medal for Distinguished Service in a ceremony Friday. Dr. Peter Allen is a "neurosurgical pioneer," and Dr. Allan Bailey helped establish the WestView Primary Care Network in 2005.

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Chaos beyond campus

Ookfest reborn as indoor bash at Northlands Agricom

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This fall's massive back-to-school bash has mutated, sporting a new name, multiple stages and a code of chaos.

Campus Chaos will disturb the delicate balance of Northlands Agricom Friday, taking residence in not one, but three halls.

"There's never been anything like this indoors," organizer Mike Anderson said, adding the concert lineup jams skateboarding, illusionists and a freak show in between. "It's going to be like an indoor circus." Hinder, Social Code, Rev Theory, Lil Jon and Bif Naked top the list of performers.

Naked told Metro Thursday the festival's predecessor, which was a yearly rite-of-passage, stands as her fondest on-stage memory.

"Other than a show in Nuremberg (Germany), Ookfest was my absolute all-time favourite show I've ever played," she said. "We had such a good time — I love Alberta. I've been playing there since I was a teenager."

The three-stage fiesta is Ookfest evolved, Anderson said, moving the traditionally NAIT-based event to a common entertainment destination, bringing regulars and students from all institutions of higher learning together under one roof.

Further metamorphosis of the post-secondary festival is anticipated, Anderson added, predicting the show will eventually hit the road



Canadian rocker Bif Naked will be one of several on-stage acts at Campus Chaos on Friday at Northlands Agricom.

and go cross-Canada.

After 21 years as a main touring staple on the Canadian rock scene, Naked said she still hasn't mastered text messaging, but she's using online mediums like Twitter (@bifnaked) to update fans on anticipated events like Campus Chaos. "I've had to be more flexible in my creativity to get my music heard and share news," she said.

"This one is going to be great — everyone has to come out and party with us."

Campus Chaos updates

and ticket and lineup information can also be found on Twitter (@campuschaos) and at campuschaos.ca.

An online photo album will be up for viewing at metronews.ca/edmonton following the event.

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Province offers details of Federal Building makeover

MAKEOVER The Alberta government has released its plans for the \$356-million makeover of the Federal Building near the legislature in Edmonton.

The blueprint includes a 650-spot underground parking lot and a plaza with an outdoor skating rink.

Construction has already begun on the parking garage, which is scheduled to be finished in the spring of 2011.

The entire renovation is expected to be done by the fall of 2011.

While named the Federal Building, the 10-storey com-

plex actually belongs to the province. It was built in the 1950s and has been vacant since 1989.

"When we set out to rejuvenate the Federal Building, we recognized that the building had to do more than simply provide Alberta Public Service employees or (members of the legislature) a place to work," Infrastructure Minister Jack Hayden said in a news release.

"This will improve the experience for visitors and solidify the legislature grounds' status as a public destination."

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Remand Centre inmate likely fatally beaten over debt: Report

DEATH Police say the first person to ever be murdered at the Edmonton Remand Centre was likely beaten up over a debt of between \$40 to \$80.

A fatality inquiry report says inmate Todd Stevenson, 40, was beaten to death on Sept. 10, 2005, but that his assailants probably didn't mean to kill him. No one was charged in his death due to a lack of evidence.

The report says Stevenson was housed in a unit with

serious criminals as he awaited trial on drug charges.

Police told the inquiry their investigation was hampered because of the way the centre's guards dealt with Stevenson's cellmate and the main suspects in the case.

Judge Leo Wenden, who headed the inquiry, says he can't make any recommendations in the case due to the lack of evidence.

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Saddle Lake woman's death suspicious

CRIME Police investigating a Saddle Lake woman's death are treating the incident as suspicious.

St. Paul RCMP and Saddle Lake RCMP found the body of 39-year-old Valerie Houle inside her home in Saddle Lake First Nations on Wednesday morning.

Police can't reveal any details about her death as they are still investigating. K Division Major Crimes is assisting in the investigation.

Police are asking anyone who might have information about this death to contact St. Paul RCMP at 780-645-8870. METRO EDMONTON

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Kim Mitchell gigs pushed back to October
Kim Mitchell shows on Sept. 26 and Sept. 27 in the Edmonton area have been rescheduled to Oct. 23 and Oct. 24 because Mitchell injured his hand. **METRO EDMONTON**

Nursing students rally against hiring freeze

Entire graduating class may leave Alberta, group warns

CARMEN WALL
for Metro Edmonton

Many nursing students fear they'll be jobless after graduation, despite what they say is a nursing shortage in Alberta.

A group of University of Alberta nursing students met at the legislature Thursday to protest against Alberta Health Service's freeze on hiring registered nurses. They say the quality of health care in Alberta will "continue to decline" as a result.

The students said the province poured money into education to meet an "overwhelming demand" for nurses, then over the summer AHS declared the shortage "resolved."

They said AHS has adopted a strategy of restricted hiring and replacing RN's with "less-educated" licensed practical nurses to



Jennifer Hinz, a fourth-year nursing student at the University of Alberta, speaks to protesters on the steps of the Alberta legislature on Thursday.

cut costs.

Jennifer Hinz, a fourth-year student, said research articles have linked RNs to fewer health complications, shorter hospital stays and fewer readmissions — which reduces costs in the long run.

According to the stu-

dents' recent poll of 230 nursing students, 80 per cent said they would leave the province to find a job.

"Alberta is about to lose an entire graduating class, compounding an existing nursing shortage," said student Quinn Grundy, who will graduate in December.

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Canada



Feds want answers on info transfer

The federal government has asked Canada's privacy commissioner to look into whether the RCMP should have passed on personal information from the national gun registry to a pollster. Public Safety Minister Peter Van Loan, left, called the RCMP's release of information to the EKOS polling firm "offensive and inappropriate" and said it would not have been approved if the ministry had been consulted, said ministry spokesperson Chris McCluskey. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Olympics adopt media

TECHNOLOGY Social media lets people eavesdrop on the conversations between celebrities or be eyewitnesses to revolutions around the world. It's also bringing down the walls around another secret garden: the Olympics.

Technologies that allow regular citizens to connect to the Games are slowly being adopted by international and local Olympic organizers.

It's a major step forward for the movement, which

has often been criticized for a top-down approach to communication — the IOC once spoke and expected people to listen.

But the explosion of blogs, Facebook and message boards is beginning to force them to listen a little more themselves.

"Clearly if you want to talk to people you have to use the channels that are available," said Mark Adams, the director of communications for the IOC. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

News in brief

G20 MEETING Prime Minister Stephen Harper has arrived at the G20 summit in Pittsburgh for crucial talks on the economy and climate change. The G20 leaders are meeting for the third time in less than a year, mainly in the hopes of re-

solving the global financial crisis. They hope to reach an agreement on how best to slowly remove huge stimulus packages that have underpinned the fragile economic recovery. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Ottawa Trump takes questions



Donald Trump points to a reporter who has a question during a media scrum at the Eastern Ontario Economic Showcase in Ottawa on Thursday. Trump is a key speaker at the forum. **PAUL DWYER/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Critics blast prison policy

Report says feds are pandering

Decades of evidence on prison policy is being trumped by ideology and populist pandering, says an independent report on the Conservative government's corrections road map.

"Raw wedge politics — in place of studied evidence — is the new face of public policy for Canada," Graham Stewart, one of the study's co-authors, said at a news conference Thursday.

Stewart and Michael Jackson, a law professor at the University of British Columbia, have written a 235-page deconstruction of the Harper government's

2007 blueprint for revamping Canadian corrections policies.

Their scathing analysis contends that the government road map starts with what they call an ideological "myth" — that human rights are at odds with public safety. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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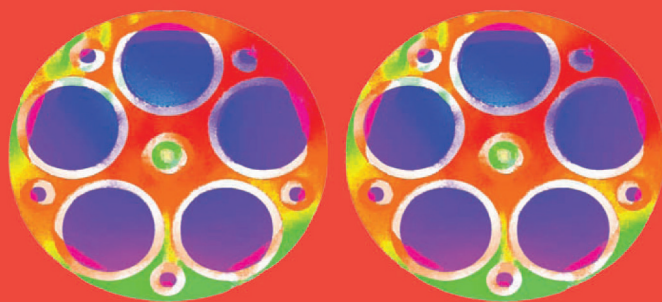
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Body bags still a mystery for Aglukkaq
Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq says she still doesn't know why
body bags were sent to Manitoba reserves in preparation for flu season. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Court kills terror case

**The federal government's
case against a man it
claims has terrorism ties
unravels Thursday.**

A Federal Court judge in Montreal dismissed the stringent court-ordered conditions he still faced.

Adil Charkaoui effectively became a free man after Justice Daniele Tremblay-Lamer's decision to quash the security certificate that has shadowed his every move for six years.

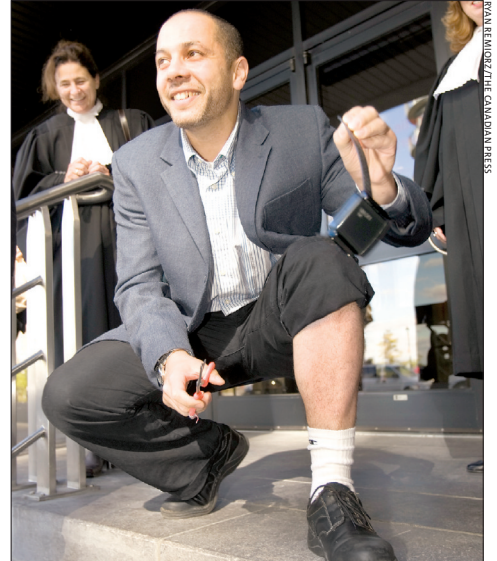
"I was waiting for this day since 2003," Charkaoui said outside the courthouse.

"Six years of deprivation of freedom, two years in jail, four years with this bracelet"

His lawyer, Johanne Doyon said: "He is a free man with no orders against him."

Doyon added: "He will be like you and me — free."

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Adil Charkaoui cuts off his security ankle bracelet as he leaves a Montreal court Thursday.

News in brief

POLITICS Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff used an empty field in Ontario on Thursday to illustrate why his party can

no longer support the Conservative minority government. He used the Burlington field to release research that suggests

only 12 per cent of \$4 billion set aside for job-creating projects has flowed.

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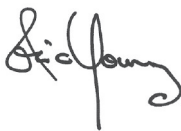
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World



Temperature rise inevitable: Report

A United Nations update says Earth's temperature is likely to jump nearly three degrees Celsius by 2100 even if every country cuts greenhouse gas emissions as planned. Scientists looked at emission plans from 192 nations and calculated what would happen to global warming. They said China's pollution alone accounts for nearly two degrees of increase. The update also said sea level rise and loss of Arctic sea ice looks to be worse than projected just two years ago. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

New hope in AIDS fight

For the first time, an experimental vaccine has prevented infection with the AIDS virus, a watershed event in the deadly epidemic and a surprising result. Recent failures led many scientists to think such a vaccine might never be possible.

The World Health Organization and the UN agency UNAIDS said the results "instilled new hope" in the field of HIV vaccine research.

The vaccine — a combination of two previously unsuccessful vaccines — cut the risk of becoming infected with HIV by more than 31 per cent in the world's largest AIDS vaccine trial of more than 16,000 volun-



teeners in Thailand, researchers announced Thursday in Bangkok.

Even though the benefit is modest, "it's the first evidence that we could have a safe and effective prevention vaccine," Col. Jerome Kim told The Associated Press. He helped lead the study for the U.S. Army, which sponsored it with the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Dr. Alan Bernstein, executive director of the Global HIV Vaccine Enterprise, said it was a landmark day.

"It is the very first time that there's been any evidence that it would be possible to develop a vaccine that would confer protection against HIV in humans," Bernstein, the past president of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, said from New York. "I can't tell you how exciting a day this is."

Even a marginally helpful vaccine could have a big impact. Every day, 7,500 people worldwide are newly infected with HIV; two million died of AIDS in 2007, UNAIDS estimates.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Demonstrators march through a Pittsburgh neighbourhood Thursday in protest of the G20 summit.

Protesters, police clash at G20 summit

PITTSBURGH Police threw canisters of pepper spray and smoke at marchers protesting the Group of 20 summit Thursday in Pittsburgh after anarchists responded to calls to disperse by rolling trash bins and throwing rocks.

The march turned chaotic at just about the same time that U.S. President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama arrived for a meeting with leaders of the world's major economies.

The clashes began after hundreds of protesters, many advocating against capitalism, tried to march from an outlying neighbourhood toward the conven-

Rowdy crowd

Police sealed off main thoroughfares to downtown Pittsburgh. Some of the protesters were seen ducking into alleyways to change out of their all-black clothing and then milling about in the street.

tion centre where the summit is being held.

The hundreds of marchers included small groups of self-described anarchists, some wearing dark clothes and bandanas and carrying black flags. Others wore helmets and safety goggles. About an hour after

the clashes started, the police and protesters were at a standoff.

The march had begun at a city park, where an activist from New York City, dressed in a white suit with a preacher's collar, started it off with a speech through a bullhorn.

"They are not operating on Earth time. ... They are accommodating the devil," he said. "To love democracy and to love the Earth is to be a radical now." The activist, Billy Talen, travels the country preaching against consumerism. He initially identified himself as "the Rev. Billy from the Church of Life After Shopping."

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

G8 gives Iran nuclear ultimatum, but China balks

NUCLEAR Pressure deepened against Iran on Thursday when the world's eight top economic powers gave Tehran until year's end to cease enriching uranium or face new sanctions, but resistance from China could undermine the effort.

Washington has been pushing for heavier sanctions if Iran does not agree to end enrichment, which many nations believe is part of Tehran's drive to build a nuclear weapon.

Iran says its nuclear program is designed to generate electricity.

But, the prospects of pushing a new sanctions resolution through the Se-

curity Council were undercut Thursday when China, one of the veto-wielding permanent members, rejected the idea.

Instead, more diplomatic efforts are needed, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu told reporters in Beijing at a news conference, reiterating a long-held stance.

Current UN sanctions on Iran are meant to prohibit exports of sensitive nuclear material and technology.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, in his Wednesday speech to the General Assembly, did not mention the nuclear issue. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

News in brief

U.K. British archaeological experts say an amateur treasure-hunter has uncovered one of the largest caches of Anglo-Saxon treasure ever found. An Anglo-Saxon expert formerly with the British Museum's Department of Prehistory and Europe, Leslie Webster, says the 1,500-piece find is on par with the Book of Kells, one of the best-known illuminated manuscripts in the world.

MARS A spacecraft orbiting Mars has spotted water ice in several impact craters midway between the north pole and equator — the first time ice so close to the surface has been discovered so far south on the red planet. Instruments on NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter estimated that the newfound ice is 99 per cent pure. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Eight people have been charged in San Diego with conspiracy to cheat casinos in the U.S. and Canada of millions of dollars by bribing dealers to rig card games. U.S. prosecutors contend more than two dozen casinos were victimized in Canada, California, Nevada, Connecticut and Louisiana. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Suspect had bomb material, officials say

An Afghan immigrant who received explosives training from al-Qaida went from one beauty supply store to another, buying up large quantities of hydrogen peroxide and nail-polish remover, in a chilling plot to build bombs for attacks on U.S. soil, authorities charged Thursday.

Najibullah Zazi, a 24-year-old shuttle driver at the Denver airport, was indicted in New York on charges of conspiracy to use weapons of mass destruction. Investigators found bomb-making instructions on his computer's hard drive and said Zazi used a hotel room in Colorado to try to cook up explosives a few weeks ago before a trip to New York.

The extent of Zazi's ties to al-Qaida was unclear, but if

Deep concern

• A U.S. law enforcement official said Thursday that authorities had been so worried about terror suspect Najibullah Zazi — and that his Sept. 10 trip to New York City coincided with a visit by President U.S. Barack Obama — that they considered arresting him as soon as he reached the city.

the allegations prove true, this could be the first operating al-Qaida cell to be uncovered inside the U.S. since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Prosecutors said they have yet to establish exactly when and where the Zazi attacks were supposed to take place. But Attorney General Eric Holder said in Washington, "We believe any imminent threat arising from this case has been disrupted."

A law enforcement official told The Associated Press on Thursday that Zazi had associates in New York who were in on the plot.

Zazi was arrested in Denver last weekend and was charged along with his father and a New York City imam with lying to investigators. Authorities said in the past few days that they feared Zazi and others might have been planning to detonate homemade bombs on New York trains.

Explosives built with hydrogen peroxide killed 52 people four years ago in the London transit system. They are easy to conceal and detonate, and last week's warnings asked authorities to be on the lookout for them.

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China Mao's grandson moves up



In this 2008 file photo, Mao Xinyu, left, the grandson of late Chinese communist leader Mao Zedong, in Tiananmen Square in Beijing. Now, Mao's only grandson has become the youngest general in the People's Liberation Army at age 39.

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Candidates to meet with Zelaya

HONDURAS The four leading presidential candidates in Honduras say they are going to meet with ousted President Manuel Zelaya and are calling on both sides in the country's protracted political crisis to reach an agreement.

National Party candidate Porfirio Lobo says "what we have asked ... is that they be very flexible in a dialogue." Lobo spoke Thursday after a meeting with interim President Roberto Micheletti.

Both Zelaya and Micheletti belong to the Liberal Party.

Earlier Thursday, Zelaya announced that he had met with a representative of Micheletti's government whom he refused to identify, but that no progress was made.

Zelaya has asked to meet with Micheletti directly. He says the Nov. 29 elections won't be legitimate unless he is restored to office.

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News in brief

MAINE Two co-workers who discovered that they are brothers and who reunited this week with their sisters have a new surprise — a half brother has surfaced.

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Dubious returns on investment

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t's civic budget time again. This signals yet another round of percentage, percentage, who can guess the percentage tax increase. We will likely start with an ab-

surdly high number put forth by the city administration and then see it reduced by our guardians of the public purse. One thing for sure is tax rates are unlikely to be going down.

So where is all our money going? It's been suggested that the cost of policing be included with our tax notices. Not a bad idea since it accounts for about 17 per cent of the operating budget. I doubt very much that anyone who can

read about the stabbings, muggings and thefts that seem to plague this city would want to see that number reduced. But as one city councillor has suggested, why not include more information than that? And better still, why not show how much we are paying is increasing year over year?

Last year's budget shows that in 2009, employee costs amounted for 56 per cent of the \$1.6-billion operating budget. That's a big

whack of change. If you think the city's role is to create good paying jobs with your tax dollars, then you're not going to have a problem with that. However, when you look at the fact that only 14 per cent of the budget goes to providing the services we expect from the city, you might want to rethink your position.

In addition to providing services, there are a whole lot of other things the city does that cost us money

and provide a dubious return on investment. The edmontonstories.ca website, of which the mayor is so proud, is but one example. Last year it cost us \$1 million and received 116,000 hits. If you do the math, that turns out to be \$8.60 per hit. Next year it is projected to cost an additional \$1 million.

Doing the real work of the city can be boring. So it's not surprising our municipal mavens come up with interesting, if unpro-

ductive, ways to spend our money. Let's look at edmontonstories.ca from this perspective. A first-year constable earns about \$50,000 per year. The \$2 million the mayor thinks is a good idea to sink into a story site would pay the salaries of 40 new officers for one year. What's going to make you sleep better at night, stories or officers?

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Views

Raising Expectations for adoptive families



Laura Eggertson

Families created through adoption or assisted reproduction should celebrate the new report in Ontario acknowledging the value and struggles it took to build those families.

Now it's time for Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty and his cabinet to act on Raising Expectations' critical recommendations.

As an adoptive parent, and an adoptee, I know first-hand the barriers that hamper the efforts of families to adopt through the public system. The panel's

first recommendations deal with adoption. Implementing the report's call for a central adoption agency, subsidies and post-adoption supports for parents of children classified as "special needs" would help dismantle those barriers.

As Raising Expectations points out, stigma, misconception and blame cloud both adoption and assisted reproduction. One such misconception is that doing nothing is a good option.

It costs \$32,000 a year to keep a child in the care of the province. That's \$300 million a year in total for 9,400 Crown wards. Subsequent societal costs of having children age out of the foster care system, drop out

of school, become homeless, or become a teen parent themselves are even greater.

Many friends have shared the emotional and physical toll that infertility treatments take. Those who eventually conceive are thrilled. Others are devastated by being unable to become a parent.

Their struggle also takes an economic toll on the province. That's because the high cost of fertility treatments — roughly \$10,000 a cycle — encourages women to have several fertilized eggs implanted at once. That results in multiple births, which cost the health-care system more because of negative health

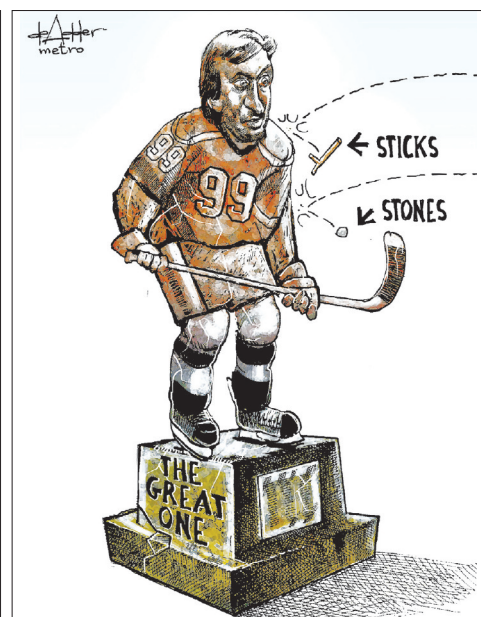
outcomes for both mother and children.

Paying for three cycles of infertility treatments, as the report recommends, would reduce the incentive for multiple births and cut those health-care costs.

Making the legislative and policy changes required to support people prepared to parent the thousands of children waiting forever for families will further help the province's bottom line.

Even if you don't agree with the principles behind building strong, healthy families, the numbers tell the tale.

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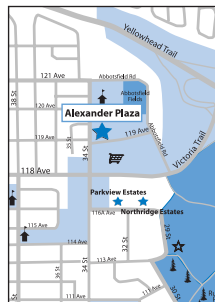
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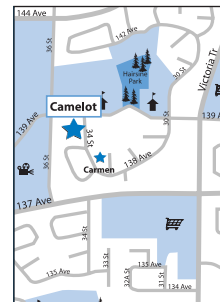
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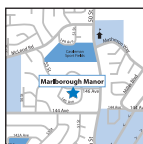


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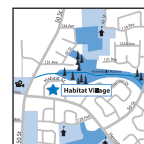


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House hunters still waiting for prices to drop further before buying may have sat on the sidelines too long, according to a new report showing home values have recovered across Canada to where they were before the recent market drop.

Economists agree, saying the power has shifted to a seller's market in recent months, after the buyers were in control for more than a year.

"(The) bounce back that began in early spring has made this recession one of

the shortest on record for real estate," said the Re/Max Bricks and Mortar Report released Thursday.

The survey says values are ahead of record highs set in 2008 in seven of the 11 markets surveyed for the brokerage network. The national average price was \$312,585, up 0.5 per cent from a year ago.

Re/Max said low interest rates, pent-up demand, and improved affordability as a result of record low interest rates are behind the recovery.

The survey shows sales

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are also soaring, up 14 per cent in Vancouver so far this year, followed by a 7.4 per cent rise in Victoria, 6.2 per cent rise in Edmonton and five per cent jump in Regina.

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Business in brief

NORTEL Ottawa will be reviewing the sale of Nortel Networks' enterprise division

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benefit to Canada, according to Industry Minister Tony Clement. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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REPORT The amount of unpaid Canadian credit card debt being written off by issuers has risen nearly 60 per cent to record levels in the second quarter compared to the same time last year, says a new report from Moody's.

What's more, credit card delinquency rates — the number of accounts 30 days past due — rose 23 per cent in the April-June period versus last year, the reports show.

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Gretzky resigns

Great One quits as head coach of Coyotes

Unable to turn the Coyotes around on the ice or in the boardroom, Wayne Gretzky stepped down Thursday as coach and director of hockey operations of the beleaguered Phoenix franchise.

Gretzky has been in limbo while U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge Redfield T. Baum mulls over bids by Canadian billionaire Jim Balsillie and the NHL to buy the franchise.

"We all hoped there would be a resolution earlier this month to the Coyotes ownership situation, but the decision is taking longer than expected," Gretzky said in a statement. "Since both remaining bidders have made it clear that I don't fit into their future plans, I approached general manager Don Maloney and suggested he begin looking for someone to replace me as coach."

However, NHL commissioner Gary Bettman is

Replacement named

Hours after Wayne Gretzky resigned as coach, the Phoenix Coyotes introduced Dave Tippett as his successor.

The 48-year-old Tippett spent the last six seasons as coach of the Dallas Stars, compiling a 271-162-59 record.

keeping the door open to Gretzky remaining with the Coyotes in some capacity if the league's bid for the franchise is successful.

"As always, Wayne placed the welfare of the team ahead of his own in making this extremely difficult decision," Bettman said in a statement. "While the Coyotes have not had the degree of on-ice success that always has been Wayne's objective, there can be no question he has played a vital role in the youth movement that has positioned the Coyotes for success in the future."

"We have nothing but admiration for all that Wayne has done for the game, and are extremely

hopeful there will be a prominent role for Wayne with the Coyotes if the league's bid for the club is successful. We look forward to his continued involvement."

A spokesman for Balsillie said his group was focusing on buying the team and would not consider personnel decisions until the judge's ruling.

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Edmonton goalie Jeff Deslauriers watches a shot by Tampa's Steven Stamkos, right, go wide Thursday night in Winnipeg. Edmonton's Taylor Chorney and Tampa's Martin St. Louis, left, rush for the rebound.

Lightning strike Oilers in Winnipeg

NHL Martin St. Louis scored his second goal of the game on the power play 4:53 into overtime to give the Tampa Bay Lightning a 4-3 win over the Edmonton Oilers in NHL exhibition action Thursday night.

It was the Oilers' fourth straight exhibition loss (3-4). Tampa improved its pre-season record to 3-1-2 in

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front of a crowd of 11,644 at Winnipeg's MTS Centre. The Lightning came out

of the first period with a 2-0 lead as Oilers netminder Jeff Deslauriers' reflexes were tested.

Winger Ryan Malone got Tampa on the board first when he took the rebound of a Steve Stamkos shot, curled in front of the net and flipped the puck over a sprawling Deslauriers at 4:13.

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Sidney Crosby left the Pittsburgh Penguins' exhibition game against Columbus early in the first period Thursday night because of a groin injury that wasn't believed to be serious. Crosby played three shifts totalling one minute 37 seconds before skating to the bench under his own power about five minutes into the game. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Eskimos bring in pair to shore up D

CFL The Edmonton Eskimos shored up their defence Thursday by agreeing to terms with linebacker Reggie Hunt and defensive back Randee Drew.

Hunt, an eight-year CFL veteran, spent the first six seasons of his career with the Saskatchewan Roughriders (2002-'07) before joining the Montreal Alouettes in 2008. Hunt finished with 61 tackles, three interceptions, a sack and fumble return in 14 regular-season games with the Als.

Drew signed as a free agent with Montreal in 2007 and was the club's nominee for top rookie and outstanding defensive player. Over two seasons with the Alouettes, he had 86 tackles, four interceptions, three sacks and a fumble return.

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Tiger Woods watches his tee shot on the ninth hole during the first round of the Tour Championship golf tournament at the East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta on Thursday.

O'Hair takes early lead at Tour Championship

GOLF Sean O'Hair got a putting tip from Tiger Woods and put it to good use Thursday in the Tour Championship, opening with a 4-under 66 to take a one-shot lead in the final FedEx Cup playoff event.

Woods did all right himself. He recovered from a shaky start with three birdies during a four-hole stretch on the back nine at East Lake for a 67, leaving him one shot back along with Padraig Harrington

and British Open champion Stewart Cink.

Mike Weir of Bright's Grove, Ont., had five bogeys and three birdies en route to carding a 2-over 72. That left him in a group tied for 21st. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Home-field advantage

Criticism won't deter athletes

Field of Play

Scott Russell

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These are the exact sentiments echoed by most followers of the Canadian Olympic odyssey. The Own the Podium Program has made a pledge that Canada will be a contender in every event at these Olympics. They have also boldly stated that the home country should win the medal count. They've convinced the average Canadian that results matter.

So that means short of staging the requisite test events in Vancouver and Whistler, where international competitors have been invited to participate,

Canadian athletes will make full use of the edge that comes from training time on those rinks, mountains and trails.

It's only natural and it's been that way forever. Competing at home is an accepted leg up on the rest — end of story.

"I think the expectations of us are the same," noted Manuel Osborne-Paradis of Vancouver. "It's just that a lot more Canadians have those expectations because the Games are at home."

They are soon to be on the hot seat in their own country, and there will be no excuses for failure. That's why Canada's athletes aren't about to give up home-field advantage at the eleventh hour.

Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

For Canada's Olympic hopefuls things are starting to get more than a little tense. This week's accusations by Americans in the New York Times that their northern rivals are unfairly using home-field advantage ruffled a few feathers. So be it. The downhill ski gladiators dismissed those claims as sour grapes and went on to point out that competing before a friendly crowd on a familiar mountain is one of the benefits to be gained from staging the Olympic Games in your own backyard.

"It's kind of cool having a whole country standing behind you," claimed World Champion John Kucera of Calgary. "It takes away the whole job/race aspect of things. It takes me back to having fun and ripping around out there."

That's the up side of skiing on home snow. There's also intense pressure given the fact that Canada's athletes go into the 2010 Olympics better funded and with more of the general public having invested in their success than ever before.

"Canadians expect a lot of us," deadpanned Erik Guay of Mont-Tremblant. "And so they should."

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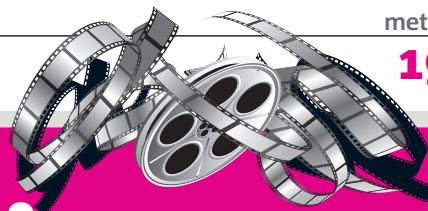
BASKETBALL Canada's women's basketball team took a step closer to booking a ticket to the world championships with a 70-57 victory over Puerto Rico Thursday. Veteran guard Teresa Gabriele of Mission, B.C., scored 13 points to lead the Canadians, who improved to 2-0 at the FIBA Americas women's tournament.

SOCCER The English Football Association has been warned that its government funding could be cut unless it implements structural reforms to "put their house in order."

England's sports minister says the FA has yet to fully act on recommendations made in a 2005 review.

SWEDEN Former NHL forward Peter Forsberg scored less than six minutes into his comeback game, but his hometown team Modo lost 4-2 to Frolunda in a Swedish Elite League opener on Thursday. Forsberg beat former NHL goalie Johan Holmqvist just 5:44 in with a shot between the pads that brought the crowd of 6,596 at Swedbank Arena in Ornskoldsvik to its feet. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Girl power

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A crowd-pleaser at this year's Toronto International Film Festival, Drew Barrymore's directorial debut *Whip It* is about true sisterhood. "The girls who do it aren't doing it for money. They're nurses and librarians by day, and then these tough derby chicks by night. They're 'finding their tribe.'"

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Women on wheels

Barrymore's directorial debut takes fresh look at girl power

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada



Although it emerged as a crowd-pleaser at this year's Toronto International Film Festival, Drew Barrymore's directorial debut *Whip It* is a more unconventional movie than one might expect.

Not only does its story of a small-town Texas girl named Bliss (Halifax native Ellen Page) who spurns the beauty pageant circuit to join a local roller derby team skate circles around sports-movie clichés, it also cuts its heroine's disapproving mother (Marcia Gay Harden) a surprising amount of slack.

"That's the love story," explains Barrymore. "I wanted to surprise people, and have it not be about Bliss and some boy, but about a girl and her mother. I didn't want (Harden) to be an archetypal villain."

"And I also didn't want to do the typical thing with beauty pageants, which are always made fun of so cruelly in movies. I think that doing pageants could definitely be somebody's choice in life, but not for Bliss, because that's not who she is. Who Bliss turns out to be

Whip It
opens in
theatres next
Friday



Halifax native Ellen Page, fifth from left, stars in *Whip It*, directed by Drew Barrymore.

— at least one night a week

— is Babe Ruthless, her hard-driving, elbow throwing alter ego.

"Derby is an underground sport cropping up across the country," says Barrymore, who also appears in the film as an unholy roller with the track handle Smashlee Simpson.

"The girls who do it aren't doing it for money. They're nurses and librarians by day, and then these

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tough derby chicks by night. They're 'finding their tribe,' which is a huge thing for me in my life, and something I think that I was able to inject into Bliss' character."

As a director, Barrymore says that she was inspired by the films she watched as an '80s baby, including *Breaking Away* and the works of the late John Hughes.

"Those movies were so

human," she says. "There was tons of room for comedy, but also for interesting, realistic family dynamics. I thought that those directors were able to reach amazing emotional depths. Making *Whip It*, I wanted to go back to that time, and to avoid any sort of modern poppiness."

That said, one of Whip It's best features is the way it uses a very modern pop singer — the critically acclaimed Swedish crooner Jens Lekman — to underscore its most lyrical pas-

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sages.

"We have four or five of his songs in the movie, and I actually flew him out to the editing room," says Barrymore. "I completely fell in love with his music when we were making this movie."

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Jason Leigh pregnant

Jennifer Jason Leigh and her director husband Noah Baumbach are expecting their first child together, according to reports. The couple, who wed in 2005, has been trying to start a family for more than a year. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

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★★★★ A CLASSIC; ★★★★★ EXCELLENT; ★★★ GOOD; ★★ FAIR; ★ POOR

Plot, acting kill Surrogates

Surrogates

Director: Jonathan Mostow
Stars: Bruce Willis, Ving Rhames, James Cromwell
Classification: STC
Rating: ★★½

IAN GORMELY
 for Metro Canada



Surrogates, the new sci-fi thriller starring Bruce Willis, is a luddite's nightmare. Inexplicably mixing Wall-E's social commentary and Minority Report's crimeless-future, the film presents a world where all human interaction occurs through robot surrogates, controlled by their flesh-and-blood counterparts from the

safety of a chair at home.

What's more, most people tend to adopt an idealized physical appearance giving their surrogate versions of a creepy Barbie and Ken look.

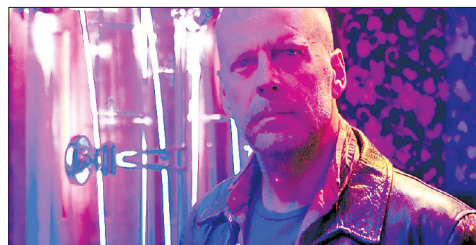
It's on this novel premise that director Jonathan Mostow hangs a rather traditional murder mystery. The film opens with the murder of the son of Dr. Lionel Canter (James Cromwell), the inventor of surrogates.

In steps Agent Greer (Willis), the FBI officer assigned to what turns out to be the first murder in years. He and his partner Agent Peters (Radha Mitchell) quickly discover that the murderer was able to override the victim's

surrogate's safety features with a new weapon.

Based on a comic book of the same name, *Surrogates* is yet another example of a film that takes an intriguing idea and drives it into the ground. One reason could be the incredibly stiff

acting from a talented group of actors. Another is an absurd number of plot holes. But mostly the rote plot and an incredibly bland villain ensure that what could have been a visceral fall blockbuster is a mildly entertaining stinker.



Bruce Willis stars as an FBI agent in *Surrogates*.

Pandorum squanders promise

Pandorum

Director: Christian Alvert
Stars: Ben Foster, Dennis Quaid, Antje Traue
Classification: STC
Rating: ★★½

REVIEW Pandorum is a fairly entertaining science fiction/horror movie that doesn't quite work, but comes awfully close.

Two astronauts wake up from hyper-sleep with their memories missing due to an overlong nap. They quickly realize that something is wrong, but can't re-

member exactly what should be happening. It soon becomes clear that they aren't alone when a horrific race of humanoid monsters show up and start attacking everything that is still moving.

The set up is intriguing and for a while it seems like Pandorum might be a decent space horror romp like *Event Horizon*.

Unfortunately a kung fu fighting hottie scientist (Antje Traue) is thrown into the mix and things get silly fast.

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Justin Timberlake, left, and Jesse Eisenberg have nabbed the leads in *The Social Network* (a.k.a. *The Facebook Movie*), a drama written by Aaron Sorkin, according to Variety. **TVGUIDE.COM**

Timberlake, Eisenberg get Social

Reel Time

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Old liquor, old bottle

Trailer Park Boys: Countdown to Liquor Day

Director: Mike Clattenburg
Stars: Robb Wells, John Paul Tremblay, Mike Smith
Classification: 14A
Rating: ★★½

IAN GORMELY
for Metro Canada



By now, anyone who cares to know about Trailer Park Boys, even in the most passive way, already does. Ricky, Julian and Bubbles — the trio of mobile home-dwelling misfits whose get rich quick schemes were the focus of seven seasons and one previous movie, all shot in and around Halifax — are well on their way to becoming national comedic icons on par with Bob and Doug McKenzie.

Which makes director Mike Clattenburg's decision to make a second film that simply retreads the past all the more confusing.

Like most of their adventures, *Countdown to Liquor Day* starts with the boys in



Mike Smith stars in Trailer Park Boys: Countdown to Liquor Day.

jail. Upon their exit from the clink they find the Sunnyside Trailer Park abandoned, and Bubbles' cats corralled by animal control, in favour of a new one owned and operated by their old nemesis Jim Lahey and his bi-sexual, cross-dressing partner Randy.

The two sides seem content to leave the other be except that Lahey now

needs to run a sewer line through Julian's property in Sunnyside. The problem is that Julian, in an attempt to go straight has turned his old trailer into an auto-body shop. Things are further complicated after a sober Mr. Lahey falls off the wagon again when domestic problems with Randy arise.

Countdown to Liquor

Day retains the charm that made the television show an endearing guilty pleasure. And both the film's beginning and end are well worth the price of admission for fans. However the film drags badly in its mid-section, thanks to a series of sub-plots that ultimately go nowhere.

Given the number of times we've seen Ricky, Julian and Bubbles clash with Lahey in the trailer park it would have been nice for the writers to come up with some kind of twist that would introduce new characters or surroundings.

One bright spot is an expanded role for wannabe white rapper J-Roc, played by former *Jonovision* host Jonathan Torrens, whose ridiculous gangsta dialect is a highlight throughout the movie. But it's not enough to elevate the film above its status as one overlong episode of the television show.

• For Trailer Park Boys: *Countdown to Liquor Day* photos, a trailer and screen times — or to buy tickets — visit metronews.ca/movies

Fame a full-blown, high-gloss dud

Fame

Director: Kevin Tancharoen
Stars: Kelsey Grammer, Bebe Neuwirth, Debbie Allen
Classification: STC
Rating: ★

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada



REVIEW Beware when Hollywood hacks remake a classic and call it a reinvention. More often than not the results are not only perfunctory, but an insulting nose thumbing to the potency and power of the original picture it's so cravenly plundering.

Not that Alan Parker's 1980 teen angst musical *Fame* is the Battleship Potemkin or anything, but at the very least it had edge, well drawn characters, blistering musical numbers, a great script and slick directorial style.

Kevin Tancharoen's self-professed "reinvention" of *Fame* however, has none of its predecessor's qualities. In fact it's bloody awful.

The haphazard, completely un-engaging "plot" cycles through four years in the lives of a handful of talented NYC kids who manage to wiggle their way into an elite arts high school.

Dancers, singers, rappers, classical pianists, actors all jam through their life with the finesse of a crack fuelled hot rod.

Literally, each year is realized in incoherent 20 minute intervals with over a dozen central teens hopelessly trying to convey their learning curve while their tough, wiser than though professors nod in approval.

There's no one to root for in *Fame*, nothing to connect with or care about. And the songs are not only sparse, but generally useless.

Fame is a full-blown, high-gloss dud, and where Parker's heartfelt original was rated R, this PG rated stinker is timid enough for your toddler. Avoid it like acne.

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No humour lost in the Great White North

InFocus

Richard Crouse

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People treat Canadian movies as a serious subject. The mere mention of a Great White Northern film conjures up images of dysfunctional family dramas, stark Arctic vistas or bumbling

Mounties.

Writer Kathryn Monk summed it up nicely when she wrote a history of Can Con cinema called *Weird Sex and Snowshoes*. The title of her excellent book puts into words what many people perceive as the state of our homegrown film industry.

We may do our fair share of serious, introspective movies but between moments of navel gazing we also make movies that make people laugh, as we'll see in this weekend's Trailer Park Boys: *Countdown to Liquor*

Day.

Years before the Trailer Park Boys brought their own brand of East Coast, humour to the big screen another troupe of comedians from the right hand side of the country created *The Adventure of Faustus Bidgood*.

It's a surreal comedy starring CODCO's Andy Jones as a provincial department of education clerk who fantasizes about becoming president of People's Republic of Newfoundland and seceding from Canada.

The film, which was the

first movie produced entirely in Newfoundland with home-based cast, crew, and funding, is a little inconsistent in tone — it was shot over a 10 year span as money was raised little by little — but is a riot of sight gags and unconventional humour.

Better known is *Les Boys*, a 1997 Quebec-made comedy that forms the cornerstone of the most successful Quebec made film series of all time.

The story, which echoes *Slap Shot* with a touch of *Mystery, Alaska* thrown in,

sees a ragtag group of amateur hockey players squaring off against a Mafia boss' team to win back ownership of their coach's bar.

It's raunchy formulaic fun that has spawned two successful sequels and a television series.

Our final Canadian comedy found inspiration from an unlikely source. *Strange Brew*, the Bob and Doug McKenzie (Dave Thomas and Rick Moranis) film about something rotten at the Elsinore Brewery, is loosely based on *Hamlet*, with the McKenzie Brothers

taking the roles of Rosenkrantz and Guildenstern.

For all the great films we've made in this country Saturday Night Live czar Lorne Michaels jokes a Canadian would never make a film called *It's a Wonderful Life* because "that would be bragging." He says the Canadian version would be called *It's an All Right Life*. Sounds like the next great Canadian comedy to me.

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; mrchaos33@hotmail.com.



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Dennehy approached for Haggis thriller

Brian Dennehy, right, is in negotiations to join the cast of Paul Haggis' new film, *The Next Three Days*. The film, a remake of the French thriller *Pour Elle*, stars Russell Crowe and Elizabeth Banks. EMPIREONLINE.COM



The truth about Lying collaboration

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada



FEATURE The *Invention Of Lying* is being presented as the latest film from Ricky Gervais — and that's fair. After all, the guy co-wrote and co-directed the movie in addition to playing the lead.

However, it's worth noting that Ricky Gervais is not the lone creative voice behind the project. The concept (about the first man to ever tell a lie in an imagined truth-filled world) actually came from co-writer/co-director Matthew Robinson, who makes his feature filmmaking debut with the film.

"I was basically just an unknown screenwriter working in Los Angeles for the last ten years," Robinson told Metro. "I wrote the script and got it to producer Linda Obst. I told her that I would love to get it to Ricky Gervais on a lark. I thought I had no chance."

Robinson was not only able to land Gervais as the star of his film, but also as a creative collaborator. "He said after reading page 10 he called his agent and asked for my phone number. Three weeks later I was in London working on the script with him."

Despite having never even met before, Ricky Gervais and Matt Robinson were able to find a creative groove instantly.

"The more we worked on the script and the more we fell in love with the story, the more Ricky became worried about giving it to another director," says Robinson.

Both Robinson and Gervais were pleased with their collaboration and had no problem bringing the script to life as co-directors.

"We worked in exactly the same way as I do with Steve Merchant. We had one simple rule. We didn't compromise. One veto from either of us and it was out," says Gervais.

Moore's manifesto

Doc director rails against corporate greed in *Capitalism*

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada



Michael Moore is a filmmaker who sparks instant anger or appreciation whenever he's mentioned.

The director helped make documentaries marketable when his controversial *Fahrenheit 9/11* became the first non-fiction film to gross over \$100 million, while his satirical style has influenced a generation of documentary filmmakers and expanded the possibilities of the medium.

However, Moore's hard left political stance has earned him as many enemies as fans. One of the criticisms most commonly launched against Moore is that his movies are so loaded with his opinions that they can't be considered documentaries because they lack objectivity.

It's an unfair argument that seems to misunderstand what he does as a



Michael Moore takes aim at the U.S. economic system with a dash of his satiric humour in *Capitalism: A Love Story*.

filmmaker. "I've said for a long time these are cinematic op-ed pieces," Moore told Metro. "They're my take on things. The facts in them are 100 per cent correct, but the opinions are mine. I may be right or I may be wrong."

Michael Moore's latest cinematic essay is *Capitalism: A Love Story* — opening next Friday — a film about America's greed-driven corporate culture and how it led to the current

economic recession. The movie combines many of the arguments against big business that Moore has made throughout his career.

"There was a point when *Manifesto* was a potential title," says Moore. "I really set out to make this film with the attitude of if I weren't able to make another film after this, what would my last film say? That was the trigger for a lot of what's in there. It really is an exten-

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sion of a lot of the things I've been saying for 20 years."

Of course, a depressing movie about economics is not exactly destined to be a crowd pleaser. That's something that Moore took to heart when making the film, knowing he would have to lighten the tone with his patented brand of satiric humour. "The risk when it came to asking the studio for money to make the film was saying, 'I think people will come on a Friday night to see a movie that is essentially an examination of the economic system,'" said Moore. "That's really not what you think of doing when you get home on Friday and want to escape at the movies. I had a huge challenge in front of me to try and figure out how to make this a piece of entertaining cinema that is hopefully thought-provoking as well."

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Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 3D (G) No Passes, Stadium Seating, DTS Digital Fri-Sun 12:45-3:05-5:25-7:45-10:05 No Passes, Stadium Seating, DTS Digital Mon-Tue 1:45-4:10-6:20-8:40

Dirty Dancing (STC) Fri 11:30

Evangelion: 1.0 You Are (Not) Alone (14A) No Passes, Digital Presentation Wed 7

Fame (PG) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Sun 12:15-3:15-5:15-8:05-10:40 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thurs 1:10-3:50-6:50-9:30

The Informant! (14A) No Passes, DTS Digital Fri-Sun 12:15-3:15-5:15-8:05-10:40 No Passes, DTS Digital Mon-Thurs 1:30-4:10-6:30-9

Love Happens (PG) DTS Digital Fri-Sun 12:30-3:15-7:30-10:05 DTS Digital Mon-Thurs 1:15-3:45-6:15-8:45

Surrogates (14A) No Passes, Stadium Seating, DTS Digital Fri-Sun 12:40-3:20-5:40-8:15-9:35 No Passes, Stadium Seating, DTS Digital Mon-Tue 1:20-4:05-7:20-9:50

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Trailer Park Boys: Countdown to Liquor Day (STC) Stadium Seating, DTS Digital Fri-Sun 12:20-2:55-5:30-8:10-10:30 Stadium Seating, DTS Digital Mon-Tue 1:35-4:10-6:40-9:10 Stadium Seating, DTS Digital Wed 1:35-4:10-7:45 Stadium Seating, DTS Digital Thu 1:35-4:10-6:40-9:10

CLAREVIEW 10 CINEMAS
4211 139th Ave., 780-472-7600

Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs (G) No Passes Fri 4:40-7:05-9:20 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:20-4:40-7:05-9:20 Mon-Tue 4:40-7:05-9:20 No Passes Wed 4:40-7:05-9:20 Thu 4:40-7:05-9:20

Fame (PG) Fri 4:40-7:05-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:40-6:40-9:25 Mon-Thurs 4:40-7:05-9:20

The Final Destination 3D (STC) Fri 4:50-7:30-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:50-7:30-9:45 Mon-Thurs 4:50-7:30-9:45

The Informant! (14A) No Passes Fri 3:50-6:45-9:15 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:15-3:50-6:45-9:15 Mon-Tue 3:50-6:45-9:15 Wed 3:50-9:15 Thu 3:50-6:45-9:15

Inglourious Basterds (18A) Fri 5-8:30 Sat-Sun 1:40-5-8:30 Mon-Thurs 5-8:30

Jennifer's Body (14A) Fri 4:25-7:10-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:25-7:10-9:40 Mon-Thurs 4:25-7:10-9:40

Love Happens (PG) Fri 3:45-6:35-9:10 Sat-Sun 1:10-3:45-6:35-9:10 Mon-Thurs 3:45-6:35-9:10

Pandorum (18A) Fri 4:10-7:30-9:35 Sat-Sun 1:25-4:10-7:30-9:35 Mon-Thurs 4:10-7:30-9:35

Surrogates (14A) No Passes Fri 4:45-7:20-9:50 No Passes Sat-Sun 2:45-7:20-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thurs 4:45-7:20-9:50

Trailer Park Boys: Countdown to Liquor Day (STC) Fri 4:20-6:50-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:45-4:20-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thurs 4:20-6:50-9:30

GARNEAU THEATRE
8712 - 109 St., 780-433-2212

The Cove (PG) Fri 7-9 Sat-Sun 2-7-9 Mon-Thurs 7-9

METRO CINEMA
9828-101 Ave., 780-425-9212

Beartrap (STC) Sat 9 Sun 7

Let Them Know: The Story of Youth Brigade and BYO Records (STC) Thu 7-9

The Mysteries of Kinematic Inversion: The Old Man and the Oldoid (STC) Sat 7 Sun 9:15

MOVIES 12
5074 130 Ave., 780-472-9779

Aliens in the Attic (PG) Fri-Thurs 2:40-7:25

Bandslam (PG) Fri-Thurs 1:50-4:20

Funny People (14A) Fri-Thurs 6:55-9:55

The Goods: Live Hard, Sell Hard (18A) Fri-Sat 1:40-4:45-7:30-10:10 Sun-Thurs 1:40-4:45-7:30

The Hangover (18A) Fri-Sat 1:45-4:35-7:15-9:45-12:20 Sun-Thurs 1:45-4:35-7:15-9:40

My Sister's Keeper (14A) Fri-Sat 1:25-4:45-7:20-11:45 Sun-Thurs 1:25-4:45-7:20

Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG) Fri-Sat 1:55-4:25-7:20-9:35-11:55 Sun-Thurs 1:55-4:25-7:20-9:35

A Perfect Getaway (14A) Fri-Sat 2:05-4:50-7:40-10:05-12:15 Sun-Thurs 2:05-4:50-7:40-10:05

The Proposal (PG) Fri-Sat 1:35-4:10-7:10-9:45-12:05 Sun-Thurs 1:35-4:10-7:10-9:45

Public Enemies (14A) Fri-Thurs 9:25

Star Trek (PG) Fri-Sat 1:20-4:15-7:9-9:50-12:20 Sun-Thurs 1:20-4:15-7:9-9:50

Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG) Fri-Sat 1:15-4:15-7:35-10:45 Sun-Thurs 1:15-4:15-7:35

Up (G) Fri-Sat 1:30-4:30-7:05-9:30-11:50 Sun-Thurs 1:30-4:30-7:05-9:30

Wanted (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (14A) Fri-Thurs 2:10-6:40-9:45

NORTH EDMONTON CINEMAS
14231 137th Ave., 780-732-2236

9 (PG) Fri-Thurs 1:30-5:10-7:10-9:15

All About Steve (PG) Fri-Thurs 1:20-4:10-7:05-9:40 Wed 4:40-7:30-10:20-12:10

All's Well That Ends Well (STC) (National Theatre's NT Live series) Thu 8

Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Thurs 12:15-2:30-4:40-7:20

District 9 (14A) Fri-Thurs 1:40-4:20-7:40-10:15 Thu 1:40-4:20-10:15

Fame (PG) Fri-Thurs 1:30-3:45-6:15-7:15-9:55 Wed 4:15-7:15-9:55 Thu 1:30-4:15-7:15-9:55

The Final Destination 3D (STC) Fri-Thurs 2:10-4:10-6:15-8:20-10:35

The Informant! (14A) Fri-Thurs 12:40-3:30-6:50-9:30

Inglourious Basterds (18A) Fri-Thurs 2:40-5:30-9:50

Jennifer's Body (14A) No Passes Fri-Thurs 2:40-5:30-9:50

Love Happens (PG) No Passes Fri-Thurs 12:50-3:40-7:20-10

Pandorum (18A) Fri-Thurs 2:20-4:50-7:50-10:25

Surrogates (14A) No Passes Fri-Thurs 12:50-3:50-5:20-8:10-10:30

The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Wed 1:10-3:50-6:40-9:10 Thu 1:10-3:50-6:40

Trailer Park Boys: Countdown to Liquor Day (STC) Fri-Thurs 1:50-5:45-10:20

PRINCESS I & II
10337 Whyte Ave., 780-433-0728

Adam (PG) Fri 9 Sat-Sun 3-9 Mon-Thurs 9

Cold Souls (PG) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 1-7 Mon-Thurs 7

The Girl From Monaco (14A) Fri 7:15-9:15 Sat-Sun 2:15-9:15 Mon-Thurs 7:15-9:15

SCOTIABANK THEATRE WEST MALL
8882 170th St., 780-444-2400

9 (PG) Fri-Thurs 12:10-2:30-4:45-7:15-9:30

All About Steve (PG) Fri-Thurs 12:20-3:30-6:30-9:10

Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Thurs 12:30-2:50-5:10-7:30-9:50

Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs: An IMAX 3D Experience (G) No Passes Fri-Thurs 12:20-4:40-7:20

District 9 (14A) Fri-Thurs 1:30-5:10-7:10-10:10 Wed 1:30-5:10-7:10-10:10

Evangelion: 1.0 You Are (Not) Alone (14A) Wed 7

Fame (PG) Fri-Thurs 12:40-3:30-6:45-9:40 Wed 3:30-6:45-9:40 Thu 12:40-3:30-6:45-9:40

The Final Destination 3D (STC) Fri-Wed 1:50-8:10-1:50

Gamer (18A) Fri-Thurs 4:50-10:20 Thu 4:20-10:20

The Informant! (14A) Fri-Thurs 12:50-3:40-6:50-9:45 Wed 3:40-6:50-9:45 Thu 12:50-3:40-6:50-9:45

Inglourious Basterds (18A) Fri-Thurs 2:30-6:30-10

Jennifer's Body (14A) No Passes Fri 1:30-4:20-7:10-10:15 No Passes Sat 1:30-4:20-7:10-10:15 No Passes Sun-Thurs 1:30-4:20-7:10-10:15

Love Happens (PG) No Passes Fri-Thurs 1:20-4:10-7:15-10:30

Surrogates (14A) No Passes Fri-Thurs 12:40-3:50-7:10-10:30

Trailer Park Boys: Countdown to Liquor Day (STC) Fri-Thurs 4:40-7:40-10:30

Whip It (PG) No Passes Sat 7

SOUTH EDMONTON COMMON
1525 99th St., 780-436-8585

9 (PG) Fri-Thurs 12:25-2:40-4:50-7:05-9:25 Wed 12:25-2:40-4:50-7:05-9:25

District 9 (14A) Fri-Thurs 1:40-4:20-7:40-10:15 Thu 1:40-4:20-10:15

Fame (PG) Fri-Thurs 1:30-3:45-6:15-7:15-9:55 Wed 4:15-7:15-9:55 Thu 1:30-4:15-7:15-9:55

The Final Destination 3D (STC) (National Theatre's NT Live series) Thu 8

Cloudy With a Chance of

Meatballs (G) No Passes Fri-Thurs 12:55-3:15-5:30-7:55

Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 3D (G) No Passes Fri 12:20-2:45-5:05-7:30-9:55 No Passes Sat 12:30-2:45-5:05-7:30-9:55 No Passes Sun-Thurs 12:20-2:45-5:05-7:30-9:55

Dil Bole Hadippa (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (PG) Fri-Thurs 12:30-4:30-8:15 Wed 12:30-3:55-8:15 Thu 12:30-4:30-8:15

District 9 (14A) Fri-Thurs 12:35-3:40-6:45-9:50 Mon 12:35-3:40-6:45-9:50 Tue 12:35-3:40-6:45-9:50

Evangelion: 1.0 You Are (Not) Alone (14A) Wed 7

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The Final Destination (STC) Fri-Wed 3:30-9:35 Thu 3:50

The Informant! (14A) Fri-Thurs 1:05-4:05-7:10-10:20

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Love Happens (PG) No Passes Fri-Thurs 12:40-3:55-6:40-9:30

Pandorum (18A) Fri-Thurs 12:50-3:45-6:50-9:40

Surrogates (14A) No Passes Fri-Wed 12:45-3:10-5:25-7:50-10:25 No Passes Thu 3:10-5:25-7:50-10:25

The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Wed 1:10-6:55 Thu 1:10

Trailer Park Boys: Countdown to Liquor Day (STC) Fri-Thurs 1:40-7:25-10:30

What's Your Raashee? (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (STC) Fri-Thurs 2:30-8

Whip It (PG) No Passes Sat 7

Whiteout (14A) Fri-Thurs 10:15

TELUS WORLD OF SCIENCE
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Dinosaurs Alive! (STC) Fri 11:2 Sat 11:3-6 Sun 11:3-6 Mon-Thurs 11

Fly Me to the Moon 3-D (G) Sat-Sun 2

Grand Canyon Adventure: River at Risk (STC) Fri-Sat 1:4-7 Sun 1:4 Mon-Thurs 1:3

Wild Ocean (STC) Fri 3-6 Sat-Sun 12:5 Mon-Thurs 2

WESTMOUNT CENTRE
111 Ave. & Groat Rd., 403-455-8726

9 (PG) DTS Digital Fri 7:10-9:20 DTS Digital Sat 1:10-3:30-7:10-9:20 DTS Digital Mon-Wed 5:8-35 DTS Digital Thu 5

Julie & Julia (PG) DTS Digital Fri 6:40-9:30 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 12:30-3:20-6:40-9:30 DTS Digital Mon-Thurs 5:15-8

Love Happens (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 7:50-10:40 Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 12:45-3:55-7:50-10:40 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thurs 5:35-8:25

Pandorum (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 6:50-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 12:55-3:45-6:50-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thurs 5:25-8:15

GRANDIN THEATRES
101-22 Sir Winston Churchill Ave., St. Albert, 780-458-9822

9 (PG) Fri-Thurs 1:30-3:45-6:15-7:15-9:55-9:30

District 9 (14A) Fri-Thurs 7:05

G-Force (G) Fri-Thurs 1:25-4:50-6:45

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri-Thurs 12:30-3:10-5:45-8:25

Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thurs 4:25-8:30

Shorts (G) Fri-Thurs 1:05-3:05-5:05

Trailer Park Boys: Countdown to Liquor Day (STC) Fri-Thurs 1:15-3:15-5:15-7:15-9:15

GALAXY CINEMAS
SHERWOOD PARK
2020 Sherwood Dr., Sherwood Park 780-416-0152

9 (PG) Fri 4:30-6:30-9:15 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:30-6:30-9:15 Mon-Thurs 6:30-9:15

All About Steve (PG) Fri 3:50-6:45-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:10-3:50-6:45-9:40 Mon-Thurs 6:45-9:40

Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 3D (G) No Passes Fri 5:15-9:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:30-2:45-5:15-9:30 No Passes Mon-Thurs 7:15-9:30

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The Informant! (14A) Fri 3:45-7:10-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:35-4:57-10-9:45 Mon-Thurs 7:10-9:45

Inglourious Basterds (18A) Fri 7:10-10 Sat-Sun 2:7-10:10 Mon-Thurs 8

Jennifer's Body (14A) No Passes Fri 4:20-7:10-10 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:45-4:20-7:20-10 No Passes Mon-Thurs 7:20-10

Love Happens (PG) No Passes Fri 3:30-6:50-9:50 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:45-3:30-6:50-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thurs 6:50-9:50

Surrogates (14A) No Passes Fri 5:15-7:40-10:20 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:40-3:15-7:40-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thurs 7:40-10:20

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PARKLAND CINEMA
130 Century Crossing, Spruce Grove 780-962-2332

All About Steve (PG) Fri 6:55-9:10 Sat-Sun 12:55-3:10-6:55-9:10 Mon 6:55-9:10 Tue 12:55-3:10-6:55-9:10 Wed-Thurs 6:55-9:10

Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs (G) Fri 6:45-9 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:45-9 Mon 6:45-9 Tue 12:45-3:45-9 Wed-Thurs 6:45-9

Fame (PG) Fri 7:25 Sat-Sun 1:35-7:25 Mon-Thurs 7:25

The Informant! (14A) Fri 7:05-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:05-3:20-7:05-9:20 Mon-Thurs 7:05-9:20

Jennifer's Body (14A) Fri 6:50-9:05 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:05-6:50

Billboard's top albums

1. The Blueprint 3, Jay-Z, right; 2. I Look To You, Whitney Houston; 3. The Resistance, Muse; 4. Man on the Moon: The End of Day, Kid Cudi; 5. Time Of Our Lives, Miley Cyrus. METRO NEWS SERVICES



Music

Harry Connick Jr. did it Your Way

Singer gets an assist from Clive Davis on latest album

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

Harry Connick Jr. has accomplished a lot in his career — he's released more than 20 albums, acted on TV and on film — but one thing he's never done, until recently, was work with Clive Davis. In fact, he hadn't even met the legendary producer until he was summoned to his office in New York.

"My manager called me and said Clive Davis wants to meet with you," Connick tells Metro. "I didn't know what that meant."

It turned out Davis wanted the veteran jazz musician to sing an album of famous pop songs. It sounds easy enough, but it turned out to be a lot harder to do than the singer thought.

"I've never collaborated with someone before," he says. "So I'd write some arrangements and he would be like 'those strings are too high' or 'there shouldn't be a guitar in there.' I got really bristly. My ego was hurt."

It wasn't just the music that Davis criticized, it was the song selection and the name of the album too. Connick originally wanted to sing a Nat King Cole song, but Davis said it wasn't popular enough. He also hoped to call the disc *A Love Like Ours*, which is a line from the Beatles song *And I Love Her* (it appears on the disc). Davis said no.

"He said this is not a record about love songs, it's a record about familiarity and presenting songs to people that they know, so you have to call it *Your*



Harry Connick Jr.'s latest album, *Your Songs*, was released earlier this week.

Songs," he says. "I didn't know if I wanted to do that, but you know what? I let him have it."

"Am I selling out? I don't know. Am I acquiescing to the point of diluting what I believe? I don't think so. I'm just having a different

type of experience."

Connick is being hard on himself — while the new disc won't go down as being one of his best — the jazzy pop orchestral arrangements, which he wrote himself, are bright, full and complex, and the

song selection is exactly what Davis wanted, popular and familiar. There's Billy Joel's *Just The Way You Are*, Nat King Cole's *Mona Lisa* and Elton John's *Your Song*, among other popular tunes.

While Connick has

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Harry Connick Jr.

recorded other people's music in the past — he's also penned plenty of originals — doing something like this, something that's obviously geared toward the masses, is a change.

But, he explains that, unlike some artists, he doesn't just waltz in on a weekend to lay down vocals. "I'm the guy who says that note is flat. I'm the guy who does all the work, not some of it. Every note you see the orchestra playing is what I did. Singing is just part of the process."

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1. Stereo Box Set, The Beatles, left 2. Mono Box Set, The Beatles; 3. Abbey Road, The Beatles; 4. Revolver, The Beatles; 5. Rubber Soul, The Beatles. METRO NEWS SERVICES

TOP 10 RINGTONES

- 1 I Gotta Feeling
Black Eyed Peas
- 2 Sexy B—h
David Guetta
- 3 I Know You Want Me
Pitbull
- 4 Fire Burning
Sean Kingston
- 5 Best I Ever Had
Drake
- 6 One Time
Justin Bieber
- 7 Birthday Sex
Jeremih
- 8 Boom Boom Pow
Black Eyed Peas
- 9 Hotel Room Service
Pitbull
- 10 Obsessed
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Last week, I started going through some fourth-quarter CD releases that will have heavy im-

pacts on the bottom lines of the major record labels. Here are a few more:

Muse — The Resistance (Out now): Over the rest of the planet, they're huge enough for singer/guitarist Matt Bellamy to live in a villa on Lake Como in Italy. In North America, they're still rather cult-y. This record may change that.

AFI — Crash Love (Tuesday): They're under pressure to followup 2006's million-selling Decemberunderground with something just as strong. Many of the songs were road-tested over the summer with the single, Medicate, emerging as a fan favourite.

La Roux — La Roux (Out now): She looks like a Ziggy Stardust-era David Bowie but lives in a world of dance floor-friendly electropop. Already a hit in the U.K. — she was up for the Mercury Prize — is this the kind of music that translates to North America?

Kiss — Sonic Boom (Oct. 6): It's been 11 years since the last studio album from Kiss, but I can't say that I



Sonic Boom is the first studio album from Kiss in 11 years.

know many people devastated by this gap in the band's oeuvre. One version will come with re-recordings of their big hits.

Dead by Sunrise — Out of Ashes (Oct. 13): If you can't get enough Linkin Park, then you'll need this first solo release by vocalist Chester Bennington, which contains songs he wrote while LP was locked in an ugly contract battle a few years ago.

Bob Dylan — Christmas in The Heart (Oct. 13): Yes, you read that right: a

Christmas album from Mr. Zimmerman. He does "Here Comes Santa Claus" and "O Little Town of Bethlehem." No, really.

Nirvana — Live at Reading (Nov. 3): Bootleg video of what some people consider to be Nirvana's finest performance have been floating around for years. Now we'll finally get nice clean images on the DVD and clean-up sound for the CD version.

Foo Fighters — Greatest Hits (Nov. 3): Fifteen years and six albums deep into

the post-Nirvana world, Dave Grohl's crew will issue a double disc that will also feature two new songs, including Wheels, a track the band debuted at a White House barbecue on July 4.

Eminem — Relapse 2 (Nov. 17): Mr. Mathers has sold 32 million records this decade, more than any other artist. The follow-up to Relapse, which came out in May, will add to that total.

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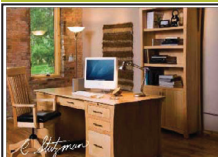
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The CW wants to see more of One Tree Hill, Melrose Place and The Vampire Diaries. The network ordered a full 22-episode season of One Tree Hill, and ordered nine new scripts for new series The Vampire Diaries. **TVGUIDE.COM**

Television

Green parenting in a toxic world

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

The title of Min Sook-Lee's *My Toxic Baby* sounds like a horror film, and in a way, that designation is apt.

The Toronto-based filmmaker's new short documentary — which premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival earlier this month — pivots on perhaps the deepest and most universal anxiety of all: The terror of becoming a new parent.

"I've always seen myself as a socially conscious person," says Lee, an award-winning director whose previous credits include the excellent 2005 doc *Hogtown: The Politics of Policing*.

"But I had never wholly



Min Sook-Lee turned the lens on herself as she sought out an pure living environment for her daughter, Song Ji, and considers modern parenting in *My Toxic Baby*.

integrated ecologically friendly living habits into my life until my daughter was born. Bringing a brand new person into the world changed the rules of the game fundamentally."

Indeed, the theme of *My Toxic Baby* is change, with

Lee turning the lens on herself as she attempts to purify her new daughter's living environment and connects with other parents similar-

ly committed to shifting notions about what should constitute a healthy child-rearing environment.

And yet, the documentary does not feel like a screed: Lee says that the last thing that she wanted to do was come off as sanctimonious.

"I'm very aware that women are

being judged for their 'skills' as mothers," she says, "to the point where it's almost a public sport. I didn't want to contribute to that."

The other thing that Lee wanted to avoid was a too-conventional documentary format: The glut of PowerPoint-style eco-documentaries in the wake of *An Inconvenient Truth* have brought the form dangerously close to re-

dundancy.

What separates *My Toxic Baby* from the herd is its uncommonly intimate, personal dimension — which does not preclude its pointing towards wider implications.

"You might notice, I didn't put any 'talking head' experts in the documentary," says Lee. "At this point of crisis, there are enough sad scientific stats out there pointing to what is becoming increasingly more clear — we are in a chemical war zone. I wanted to focus instead of people who are responding to the crisis. For me as a mother, that is essential — finding hope."

My Toxic Baby airs on Global on Friday night



Escape real life with sci-fi TV

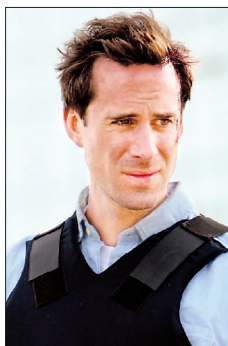
Considering how difficult this year was, it's no wonder primetime has taken on a sci-fi tinge, offering escapism through supernatural plots and otherworldly characters. Here is a look at some of those shows premiering this fall:

FlashForward

Everyone in the world blacks out for two minutes and 17 seconds. (What better way to forget all the money you lost in the markets?) In that time, each person catches a glimpse of the future. A team of FBI agents (headed by actors Joseph Fiennes and John Cho) tries to piece together what happened and what's unfolding.

Dollhouse

Eliza Dushku and the other "Actives" — operatives in an ultra-exclusive,



Actor Joseph Fiennes in a scene from sci-fi series *FlashForward*, which premiered Sept. 24 on ABC.

illegal escort service who have had their personalities wiped clean — are back. Maybe creator Joss Whedon can wipe away

our memories from this year.

Smallville

Young Superman "embraces his Kryptonian side." Need a better reason to get lost in Season 9? Clark Kent dons the iconic "S."

Medium

After suffering a stroke and winding up in a coma last season, Allison (Patricia Arquette) wasn't talking to too many ghosts. Maybe the change of scenery — the series moves from NBC to CBS — will help.

Ghost Whisperer

Star Jennifer Love Hewitt sees dead people opposite her boyfriend and castmate Jamie Kennedy, who plays "ghost listener" Eli.

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For Melissa Peterman, life after Reba is something to sing about. Hopefully, it'll be somebody else doing the singing.

"People tell me that I have the kind of voice that the first time you hear it, you're going to go, 'Argh-hh!' and if I continue to sing at you, it starts to get under your skin," she said.

Given that, it's somewhat of a surprise that life, of late, is a song for the comic character actress, 38, who stole scenes on the Reba sitcom as the peabrained but huge-hearted Barbra Jean, the wife of Re-

ba McEntire character's ex-husband.

This summer, Peterman debuted as host of CMT's re-member-the-lyrics game show, *The Singing Bee*.

"Everything I've done has led up to this point: the nights I've went out and done karaoke poorly, the nights I've pretended to know lyrics to songs," she joked.

This weekend, she brings that humour to the Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles, as she hosts a Sing-A-Long Sound of Music,



Melissa Peterman

where 18,000 attendees will belt out Rodgers and Hammerstein favourites and watch Julie Andrews and company.

"So, you see, I DO have a voice that could sell out (the) Hollywood Bowl!" Peterman said. "And there is not a lot of people that can say that, except everyone else who sang there and sold out. But I'm the only one who doesn't have a record deal."

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Back to school for Longoria

Desperate Housewives actress Eva Longoria Parker says she will enrol in a master's program in Chicano studies and political science. She didn't say what university she will attend. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Phillips defends dad

Actress says John was 'a good man' despite incest allegations

Mackenzie Phillips is defending her father John Phillips as "a good man," despite her claims that they had an incestuous affair.

But her stepmother Michelle Phillips says Phillips is lying about the affair and is just trying to cash in on her book.

The 49-year-old former child actress writes in her new book, *High on Arrival*, that she had a decade-long sexual relationship with her father, and alleges they had sex on the night before she was to get married in 1979 at age 19.

She wrote in her book: "I woke up that night from a blackout to find myself having sex with my own father." John Phillips, who died of heart failure in 2001, was the leader of the 1960s group the Mamas and the Papas.

Phillips, 49, who starred

on TV's *One Day at a Time*, said the sexual relationship with her father lasted a decade and ended when she became pregnant and didn't know who had fathered the child. She had an abortion, for which her father paid.

Interviewed on NBC's *Today* show Thursday, Phillips said it was "a very permissive time and a very rock 'n' roll world and pretty much anything went." Her father "did the best he could," she said.

Phillips, who said she first tried cocaine at age 11, said her father did drugs with her, taught her to roll joints and injected her with cocaine. Last October, Phillips pleaded guilty in Los Angeles to possessing cocaine and was ordered to complete an 18-month drug treatment program.

But her stepmother (and former Mamas and the Pa-

pas member) Michelle Phillips sharply differs with the sexual allegations.

"I have every reason to believe it's untrue," she told the *Hollywood Reporter*. "Mackenzie has a lot of mental illness. She's had a needle stuck up her arm for 35 years. She was arrested for heroin and coke just recently. She did *Celebrity Rehab* and now she writes a book. The whole thing is timed."

Back on Oprah

• Mackenzie Phillips is returning to *The Oprah Winfrey* show via satellite on Friday. Joining her will be half-sister Chynna, who will be live in the studio, according to *usmagazine.com*.

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Half-sister Chynna Phillips told *US Weekly* that Mackenzie Phillips told her



Former child actress Mackenzie Phillips alleges she had an incestuous affair with her father, the deceased John Phillips of the Mamas and the Papas, in her new book. Both pictured in this 1981 photo.

about the sexual relationship in 1997. "Do I believe that they had an incestuous relationship and that it went on for 10 years? Yes," Chynna Phillips said.

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Biel to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro

PEOPLE When Jessica Biel, Lupe Fiasco and Isabel Lucas get together in Africa, they'll have nowhere to go but up.

The entertainers have signed on to climb the continent's highest peak — Mt. Kilimanjaro, at more than 5,790 metres — to raise awareness about the need for clean water worldwide.

The Summit on the Summit expedition, set for January, is the brainchild of singer and producer Ken- na. His father suffered from waterborne diseases as a child in Ethiopia.

Biel, 27, said she was "astonished" to learn that more than a billion people across the globe have no access to clean water.

"This is a basic human necessity that needs to be addressed now," Biel said in a statement, adding that she's proud to climb Kilimanjaro with the celebrity team "to help any way I



Actress Jessica Biel will climb Africa's highest peak to help raise awareness about the need for clean water.

can in order to raise awareness toward the life-threatening clean water crisis happening not only in Africa but around the world."

Justin Timberlake — who's been romantically linked with Biel — may also be joining the climbers: He told *GQ* magazine earlier this year that he was preparing for a major mountain climb.

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Entertainment in brief

TV Former Olympic skater Emanuel Sandhu says he struggled with his decision to focus on a dance career instead of on-ice competition, but is proud that his dedication has paid off with a coveted spot in the Top 10 of *So You Think You Can Dance Canada*. Sandhu

says he'll be cheering Canada's skating hopefuls from the sidelines when the Winter Games come to his hometown of Vancouver, and says that his newfound success on the CTV series won't keep him from one day returning to competitive skating. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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		4	CBXT	-	307	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Rick Mercer				The Hour	
		6	KREM	-	372	News	Hollywood	The Doctors (N)		Ghost Whisperer (N)	Medium (N)	NUMB3RS	
		7	CKEM	241	347	Law & Order: SVU		The Jay Leno Show (N)		Model Search	Modern Family	Cougar Town	Your City
		8	CITY	240	339	ET Canada	Entertainment	My Toxic Baby		NUMB3RS "Hangman"	Dollhouse "Vows" (N)	News Hour	
		13	KXLY	-	371	4 News at 6	4 News at 6:30		The Insider (N)	FlashForward (HDTV)	Modern Family	Cougar Town	20/20 (N)
		16	KAYU	-	373	The Office	Raymond	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Brothers (N)	Dollhouse "Vows" (N)	News	
		22	KSPS	-	374	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Wash. Week	McLaughlin	Bill Moyers Journal (N)	NOW on PBS	Being Served	P.O.V.
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		94	SCORE	410	403	(6) WWE SmackDown!		MMA Fight Night		WWE SmackDown!			
family	14	YTV	552	543	The Next Star		iCarly	iCarly	Freedom Writers *** (2007, Drama)	Hilary Swank, Patrick Dempsey.			
	17	TREE	553	546	Little Bear	Bucket-Dinos	Babar	Big & Small	Dragon (DVS)	Backyardigans Ni Hao, Kai-Han	Go, Diego, Go!		
	45	FAM	557	541	Zoe 101	Jonas (N)	Sonny Chance	Roxy Hunter: The Myth of the Mermaid		(10:02) Camp Rock (2008) Joe Jonas.			
	25	A&E	615	520	Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds "Legacy"	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)			
	29	FOOD	603	561	Bobby Flay	Chef Abroad	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Bobby Flay	
	32	DISC	520	505	Man vs. Wild "Yukon"		Dark Fellowships: The Vril	Day Planet		Man vs. Wild "Yukon"		Junk Raiders	
	38	SPIKE	628	584	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	NRL Rugby Teams TBA.				Police Chases	
	39	AMC	-	-	(6) Ghostbusters (1984, Comedy)		Ghostbusters II ** (1989, Comedy)	Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd.				Ghostbusters	
	43	SPACE	627	528	Domination: A Prequel to the Exorcist ** (2005, Horror)	Clara Bellar		Darklight ** (2004, Horror)	Shin Appleby. (DVS)				
	50	STAR	621	56	The View (HDTV) (N)		The Dr. Oz Show (N)		TMZ	etalk	Hollywood	Extra	Dr. Oz Show
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SATURDAY	9/26/09	2	CFRN	239	318	W-FIVE	Law & Order: SVU		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	Flashpoint (DVS)		CTV News	
		3	KHQ	-	370	News (N)	Judge Judy	CSI: NY "Super Men"	Law & Order (HDTV)	Mercy (HDTV)		Law/Ord SVU	
		4	CBXT	-	307	NHL Preseason Hockey		Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World *** (2003, Adventure)	Billy Boyd	Raising Az			
		6	KREM	-	372	News	Scrubs	Grey's Anatomy		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	The Good Wife "Pilot"	48 Hr. Mystery	
		7	CKEM	241	347	Murdoch Mysteries		Model Search (N)		A Woman Hunted (2003, Drama)	Alexandra Paul. (DVS)	The City Show	
		8	CITY	240	339	The Beat of Life		Project Runway Canada		Movie		News Final (N)	
		13	KXLY	-	371	(6) College Football Iowa at Penn State. (HDTV) (Live)			Explorer TV	Entertainment Tonight		ReGenesis	
		16	KAYU	-	373	House "All In"		Two/Half Men	Cops (N)	America's Most Wanted		News	
		22	KSPS	-	374	The Lawrence Welk Show	Jack Benny	Time Goes By	Great Performances (HDTV) (N)		Parks	Soundstage	
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Dirty Dancing made Patrick Swayze a superstar but when he first read the script, he found it a little clean. The actor, who died Sept. 14 of cancer, writes in his memoir, "It seemed fluffy — nothing more than a summer-camp movie." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Going Out

Not just Montana: The maturing Miley Cyrus

Miley Cyrus doesn't need to look at the music charts to know that her songs are making a connection with the fans — all she has to do is tweet.

"I'm stoked that people have been so supportive," she says of her latest project, the EP *The Time of Our Lives*. "On my Twitter, (I get) so many replies like 'This song inspires me' and 'This inspires me.' ... One of the reasons why I love that site is being able to see what people are saying about the record."

Of course, having a best-selling record is good reassurance too — the EP is near the top of the charts and her song *The Climb* has been No. 1 on Billboard's adult contemporary chart for weeks.

It's just another example of the maturing career of the 16-year-old Miley. While she's still known to millions as the star of the Disney phenomenon *Hannah Montana*, she's not just a teen queen anymore. VH1 crowned her as one of their "Divas," she's in an upcoming movie playing a defiant teen and she's calling the shots on her *Wonder World* tour.

Miley recently talked to *The Associated Press* about her new show, growing up and what being a diva means to her.

Q Describe the new album *The Time of Our Lives*.

A It is a transitioning album. ... Everything is like a stepping stone. And that was really to introduce people to what I want my next record to sound like and with time I will be able to do that a little more and timing is just everything. So it is really about us working our way up to being able to do the music you really love.

Q A lot of your music you write yourself. Do you ever write a song and go, "Oh my God, wait, that is too personal, I don't want to put that out?"

A Yes, sometimes I write songs just to write them. I have written thousands of songs that are just for me. I will even play them for my friends, and they will say, "Will that be on your next record?" and I'll say, "No,

that was just for me. That was just for my peace of mind." And I think that is important to do that. Not always writing a song and be like, "Oh, that is going to be on a record." If it sounds great and it is something that you think goes along with the album that you are putting together, that is awesome. If not then it's cool. It doesn't matter.

Q What would you say is the most diva like thing about you?

A This tour is the most diva thing. Because when I got here, it was like, "OK, we are not messing around, this thing is going to be like full out. We are going to get everything, it's going to continue to blow people's minds." And everyone was like, "Alright Miley is stepping it up." And I was like, "Yeah, it is my tour." The first time I was actually going out, no *Hannah Montana*, none of that. Just my own style.

Q You are going to be in the film *The Last Song*, out next

spring. Is it a departure from your *Hannah Montana* character?

A I really do get to do a little bit of everything. It is not like getting away from it at all, it is just showing more of a side that I want to show. I love doing *Hannah Montana*, but I want to continue doing things that are a little bit more darker roles. That is kind of who I am and where I find most of my inspiration in movies like that.

Q Now that you are getting older, there is more talk of you possibly retiring the *Hannah Montana* character.

A I thought about retiring when I was like 15. Just kidding. I would have retired like twelve years ago.

Q When that day does come, obviously it will be very sad, but will it also be a little bit of a relief?

I want to continue to do everything I can.

A My dad always says, "If you ain't having fun, it ain't working." And so when I stop having fun, I'll just quit everything altogether. But, I'm having fun. ... I think I will forever do that, if I have the people that I'm around still around me. They make me happy, and the people that I work with I really

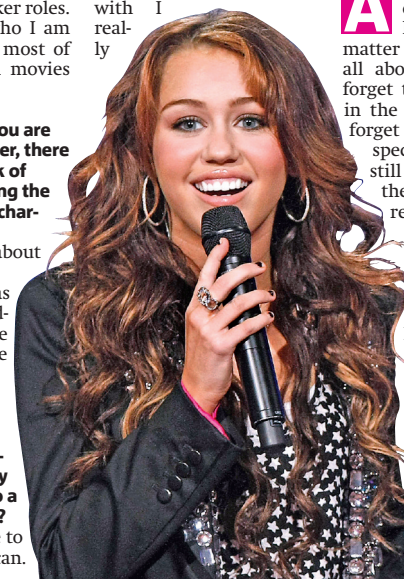
love. ... I will be able to tour the rest of my life if I am having fun.

Q You have mentioned that you have made a few mistakes. What would you say was your biggest and what was the most exaggerated one?

A I think everything I do is exaggerated a lot. I think that no matter what, I think it is all about respect. People forget that when you are in the public eye, people forget you still have to respect people and you still have to (respect) their privacy. And also respect my family and trust the fact that my parents are raising me just like everyone else is raising their kids. They are doing it the way they want to.

It is not for the media or for any one else to judge how they should or should not raise me.

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Cohen wows crowd at controversial Israeli show

Leonard Cohen wowed an adoring audience Thursday night, crooning his iconic ballads at his first show in Israel in 30 years and ignoring a political storm over his appearance.

The Canadian songwriter, best known for his dark poetic lyrics, entertained fans at Ramat Gan stadium near Tel Aviv. Some in the audience wore black fedora hats, a tribute to one of his trademarks.

The concert sparked a protest long before it took place on a warm night near the Israeli seashore.

"Anything done here invites controversy. But we believe freedom of speech is very, very important."

Robert Kory, Leonard Cohen's manager

Some Palestinian activists called for a boycott because of Israel's punishing invasion of Gaza, aimed at stopping daily rocket attacks. More than 1,150 Palestinians, including hundreds of civilians, were killed in the three-week offensive in January.

Cohen responded to the critics by offering to per-

form in the West Bank city of Ramallah as well. He said the show's proceeds would go to Israeli-Palestinian peace organizations. But a pro-Palestinian group called Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel urged the singer to cancel the shows and launched a protest campaign.

"There are a lot of peo-

ple who don't want us here, and anything done here invites controversy," Cohen's manager, Robert Kory, told *The Associated Press*. "But we believe freedom of speech is very, very important."

"Cohen wants the money to go toward changing hearts and to bring peace," Kory said. He said most of the money will go to the Parents Circle, an Israeli-Palestinian group of bereaved parents that helps families from both sides who lost loved ones in the conflict. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Canadian Leonard Cohen, seen here in this file photo, performed in Tel Aviv Thursday — his first concert in Israel in 30 years.

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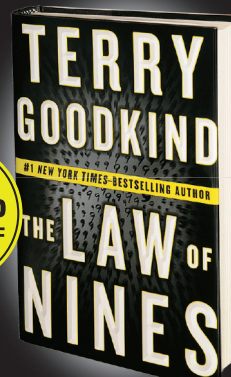
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Cubamemuch

When: All weekend
Where: Mayfield Inn & Suites Conference Centre

Cubamemuch, the world tour Cuban Salsa Congresses, features two days of Cuban dance workshops and three nights of sizzling entertainment. For tickets and information visit cubamemuch.salsaddiction.com.

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When: Saturday, 8 p.m.
Where: Jubilee Auditorium
Three Ukrainian dance companies, including Edmonton's Cheremosh dancers, join together in an explosion of colour, culture and energy. Tickets for the dance event are

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When: Saturday, 4 p.m.
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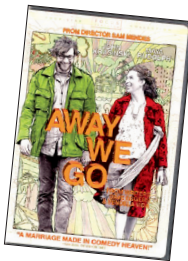
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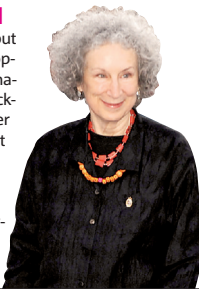
Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Away We Go
DVD Sam Mendes' latest was too low-key for summer blockbuster season but this sweet little film may be more endearing on your home theatre. Starring John Krasinski (of The Office) and Maya Rudolph, the film centres around a couple's search for the perfect place to raise their kids.



2 FlashForward
TV It may sound like any other sci-fi series but here's the Canuck twist — the ABC drama is based on celebrated Mississauga, Ont., author Robert J. Sawyer's novel of the same name. FlashForward, which premiered yesterday, stars Joseph Fiennes as FBI agent Mark Benford, a man who finds himself desperately trying to piece together the cause of a mysterious global event that makes everyone pass out for two minutes and 17 seconds.

3 Margaret Atwood
AUTHOR She may be 70 but she shows no signs of stopping. The doyenne of Canadian fiction is not only picking up rave reviews for her new novel The Year of the Flood, but also made it to the Giller Prize long list. Her inventiveness marks the book tour too — she has created a short musical play based on the novel to be performed in each city she visits.

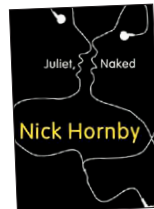


4 Xavier Dolan
DIRECTOR Roll over, Atom Egoyan. The new poster boy of Canadian cinema is only 20, and his wrenching family drama I Killed My Mother has been chosen as the nation's official entry for the Oscars.

5 The Boy Who Knew Too Much: Mika
ALBUM He conquered the pop world three years back with his debut Life in Cartoon Motion. Now the British singer is ready to keep the crown with another edition of his Elton John-meets-Freddie Mercury over-the-top melodies. The album's first single We Are Golden is proof enough that Mika's here to stay.



6 Juliet, Naked: Nick Hornby
BOOK Surprise, surprise! The pre-eminent "lad lit" author's new novel is not about a boy, but about a girl. Thirty-something museum curator Annie strikes up an online relationship with Tucker Crowe, a reclusive American singer-songwriter who's the stuff of myths. Plenty of heartfelt insights and humour make it an essential Hornby read.



7 It Might Get Loud
FILM If you believe in guitar gods, consider your prayers answered. Master axemen Jimmy Page, The Edge and Jack White gather around to exchange notes on how they create their fretboard magic. It's a treat to watch these legends explain the chemistry behind some of rock's best-loved songs. Enjoy without earplugs.

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Back with the Boys

Clive Owen returns with parent drama

When Clive Owen signed on as the lead in *The Boys Are Back*, about a journalist forced to cope with single parenthood after his wife dies, he didn't rush out to meet the man whose memoir inspired the film — Simon Carr.

"I felt it was better to go in and interpret it from my own thing. I thought it would be better to go in clean," Owen said at the Toronto International Film Festival, where the drama screened.

The Boys Are Back — opening in Toronto this Friday, and in Vancouver and Montreal on Oct. 2 — stars Owen as Joe, a sports writer shellshocked when his wife dies of cancer and he becomes a single parent to their six-year-old son (Nicholas McAnulty). Things become even more complicated when his teenage son from a previous marriage (George MacKay) comes to visit.

Owen said it wasn't until one of the last days of shooting that Carr brought his two boys — now aged 19 and 26 — to the set.

"The guy whose life we'd just been portraying ... was suddenly there," said Owen, "and seeing the two boys meet the two (actor) boys was quite striking as well because they were obviously more grown up now but they had similar energies."

Owen also brought his two children to the set in South Australia, where most of the film was shot. For director Scott Hicks, it was his first time making a movie in his home state of South Australia since 1996's *Shine*.

"It had a very family feel about it, the way we were putting it together, and in a subtle way those things can rub off onto a film,"



Clive Owen, seen here at the premiere of *The Boys Are Back*, plays a journalist raising his two sons alone after his wife dies.

"Any parent knows that the whole bringing up kids is a constant, changing negotiation."

Clive Owen

Owen said.

But don't confuse it for sentimentality — Owen wanted to reflect the book's pragmatic nature. "I didn't want the film to be ... overwrought," he said. "I wanted it to push the more difficult tones because any parent knows that the whole bringing up kids is a constant, changing negotiation."

What some parents might not relate to, Owen acknowledged, is the freedom his character bestows

upon his children as part of his newfound "free range parenting" style and "Just Say Yes" mantra.

In particular, Owen said, is a scene in which his character drives a jeep along a beach while his son rides on the hood.

"The film is an examination of a guy trying to do it on his own. It's very much a guy's perspective and a mother would never do that," Owen said.

In the end of both the memoir and the movie, the father's liberal parenting proves to be "fallible," he noted.

"I believe in the notion that maybe we're a little too quick to say 'no' to things and we're not sort of very available and open, but that kind of winging it ultimately is going to collapse. You can't carry on like that." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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From Lion King stage to museum: Show pieces included in history exhibit

Producers of The Lion King musical are donating two of the Broadway show's elaborate costume pieces to the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History.

Yesterday museum officials accepted Simba's mask and the costume for tribal shaman and show narrator Rafiki to be placed in the entertainment history collection. They'll be in rare company among about 50 objects from Broadway, including costumes from Hello, Dolly!, Fiddler on the Roof, Rent and Cats.

"We'll have Rafiki next to Dolly Levi. That's a big thing," said Thomas Schumacher, the show's producer.

Designer Julie Taymor created the costumes, puppetry and scenic design that brought the 1994 animated Disney movie to life on stage in 1997. The hit show has now been seen by 50 million people worldwide — the first American musical to hit that milestone and only the fourth in theatre history. Museum curator Dwight Blocker Bowers said the show represents an evolution in Broadway design. "The musical is an indigenous American art form in terms of how we know it," Blocker Bowers said. The Lion King, he said, "took the musical to areas it had never embraced before."

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After two smash albums, Lily Allen is putting her music career on ice indefinitely, she admits on her blog. "Just so you know, I have not renegotiated my record contract and have no plans to make another record," Allen writes. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

Celebrity Buzz

Smiley Miley pays up for her privacy

BIG SPENDER Miley Cyrus had a restaurant closed so she and 100 friends could party together, female-first.co.uk reports.

The Hannah Montana star wanted to celebrate her sold-out concert at Los Angeles Staples Center on Tuesday night by dining at the newly-opened eatery Katsuya.

The 16-year-old star told bosses she wanted privacy "no matter the cost" so booked out the entire restaurant. Cyrus was dressed in an open back, black mini-dress and high black boots as she sipped on a

special Katsuya drink. A source added to website RadarOnline: "She was in great spirits and danced almost the whole night."

Cyrus was keen to keep her party private as she recently claimed her life is being ruined by the paparazzi. She wrote on her Twitter page: "Being a paparazzi is the most DIS-

GUSTING job imaginable.

"Being followed around by creepy photographers is NOT in the job description! YOU try being stuck inside cuz creepers are waiting for u (sic)." **METRO WORLD NEWS**



Posh says quit weight bugging

HEALTH Victoria Beckham wants everyone to stop obsessing over how thin she is. "I am fine — happy and healthy," she tells the Daily Mirror.

"It's irresponsible when people obsess about my shape and size.

"I appreciate there are young girls and women who look at me as a role model and it is simply untrue to say I do not eat and I am unhealthy."

METRO WORLD NEWS



Pitt's fixer upper

PRIVATE PROPERTY Brad Pitt has found a new project: Rebuilding the small airport near he and Angelina Jolie's French estate. Sources tell Page Six that Pitt is looking for a way for his large family to avoid the paparazzi.

"One thing he loves about the estate is the privacy it affords," a source says. "Nobody can get near it. So with Angelina completing her pilot's licence, their own airstrip would give them total freedom to come and go."

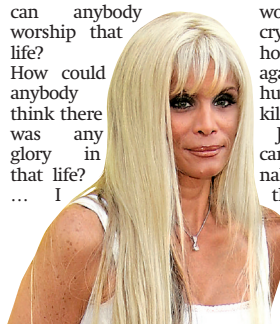
METRO WORLD NEWS

Gotti a murderer: Daughter

FAMILY Onetime reality show star Victoria Gotti is finally admitting that her father, the former head of the Gambino crime family, was behind some of the most notorious murders in recent New York history, people.com reports.

"I loved the man ... but I loathed the life, his lifestyle," Gotti, 46, tells the CBS newsmagazine 48 Hours Mystery in an episode to be aired Saturday. "How

can anybody worship that life? How could anybody think there was any glory in that life? ... I



would lie awake nights and cry. 'Is my dad gonna come home? Is he gonna go to jail again? ... Is he going to get hurt? Is he gonna get killed?'"

John Gotti, who died of cancer in prison in 2002, finally lost his nickname as the Teflon Don in 1992, when he was convicted of 13 murders, including the slaying of his predecessor, Paul Castellano, outside a New York

steakhouse.

But Gotti had been fingered as the mastermind behind many more, such as the 1980 disappearance and apparent murder of a neighbour who accidentally ran over and killed Gotti's 12-year-old son Frank.

It was in that latter case that Victoria claims she demanded that her father exact "justice," according to 48 Hours Mystery.

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No happy endings for Drew Barrymore

SEX TAKES BACKSEAT Justin Long, take note. "Sexual love is secondary to me right now," Drew Barrymore says in a new Parade magazine interview. "I've spent a lot of time in my life dedicating myself to love or the pursuit of love or the understanding of love. But for the last few years, my life just hasn't been about that for me."

The twice-married star, 34, adds that she's "stopped believing in happy endings," us-magazine.com reports.

"I've started believing in good days," she says. "At the end of my movie,

there's honesty. There's truth. There's peace. What tomorrow will bring is still in question. There is a joy that's earned by failure or triumph. All those things add up to teach us, if we are open to it."

She also sheds light on her relationship with her es-



tranged mother, Jaid.

"I believe she will see the film," she tells Parade, referring to her directorial debut, Whip It. The dramedy, starring Ellen Page, centers on a girl's rocky relationship with her mother.

"I believe she does feel pride in me," Barrymore says of her mother, to whom she became legally emancipated from in 1991. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

Jennifer shed tears for Brad?

DID SHE OR DIDN'T SHE Jennifer Aniston wasn't having such a great time filming The Bounty in New York recently. A source tells Page Six that when an assistant arrived at Aniston's trailer to retrieve her

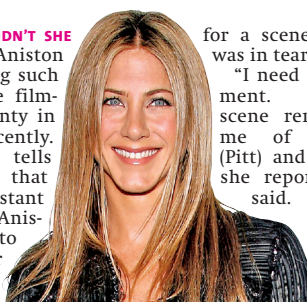
for a scene, she was in tears.

"I need a moment. This scene reminds me of Brad (Pitt) and me," she reportedly said. The

source explains: "While she enjoyed flirting with Gerard (Butler) on set and put a brave face on every day, privately she is still very fragile."

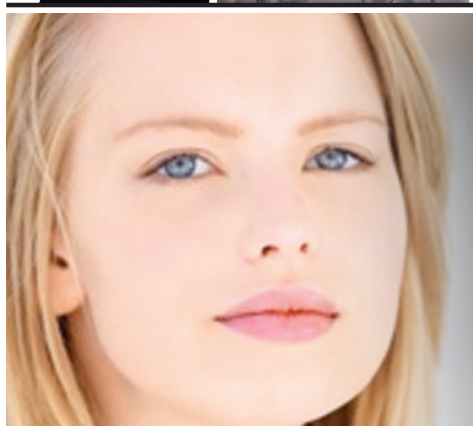
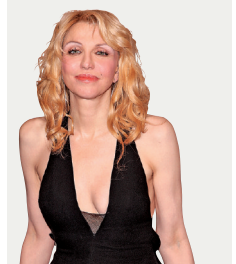
But Aniston's rep calls the story about her crying in her trailer "ridiculous. It never happened."

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Celebrity tweets

- Yoko Ono gets some perspective, Joel McHale wants to improve American football, Courtney Love gets the wrong kind of attention and Pee-wee Herman discovers Twitter.
- @yokoono The sky is not only above our heads. It extends all the way down to earth. When we raise a foot from the ground, we are walking in the sky.
 - @joelmchale Football should get rid of the extra point. Or at least move it back.
 - @courtneylover79 you know your in trouble when the Secret Service have a CONFERENCE about your smoking in the bathroom at a film preem.
 - @pee-weeherman Pee-wee Herman is a trending topic? I know I am but what are you? **METRO WORLD NEWS**



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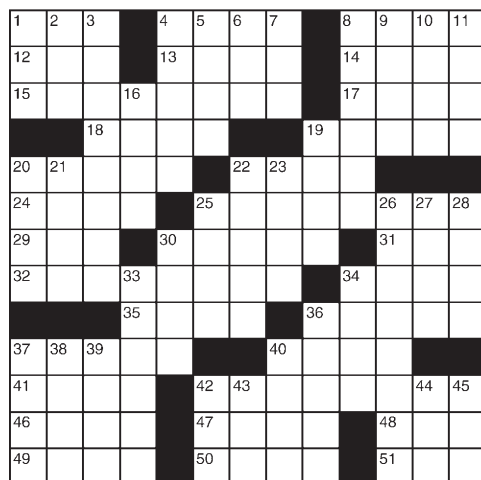
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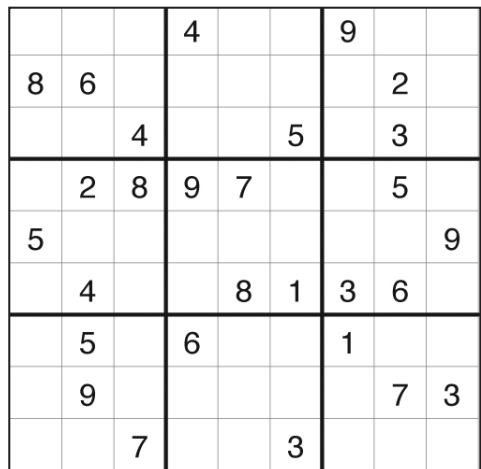
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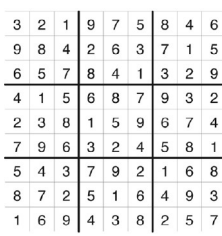
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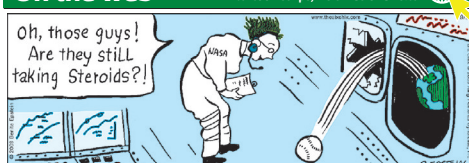


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2/3 cup (150 mL) crushed crackers
2 tbsp (25 mL) grated Parmesan cheese
1/2 tsp (2 mL) dried oregano
1/2 tsp (2 mL) dried basil
1/4 tsp (1 mL) garlic powder
1 lb (500 g) cod fillets

METHOD:

1. Place butter in shallow bowl. In another bowl, combine crackers, cheese and seasonings. Dip fillets

in butter, then coat with crumbs.
2. Place in greased 13-in. x 9-in. x 2-in. (33 cm x 23 cm x 5 cm) baking dish. Bake, uncovered, at 400°F (200°C) 15-20 minutes or until fish flakes easily with fork.

SERVES 4

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ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20



There is no point making a big fuss if something small goes wrong today. Strive to stay calm and don't get annoyed over trivial matters.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23



Both at home and at work, but especially at work, you are advised to look out for Number One today, because if you don't no one else will.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21



Don't give too much away today, not even if you are bursting with good ideas. If you say too much, you may find your ideas are rejected or stolen.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22



What a Scorpio wants, a Scorpio usually finds a way to get, and what you get over the next 24 hours will cheer you up no end.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21



If someone is insensitive enough to point out your failings you might like to remind them of all the times in the past when they goofed.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21



You may be suspicious of a person you work or do business with, but why? Chances are they have done nothing to cause you serious misgivings.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22



Whatever limits you come up against you must remind yourself that they don't really exist.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20



Negative comments are likely today, and it may be you who is on the receiving end. Fortunately, you know your own worth.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23



Maybe you have realized that the goals you set yourself are going to take a lot more time and a lot more effort than you initially supposed.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18



Someone in a position of authority is watching you closely and hoping you do something wrong so they can make an example of you.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22



Mercury, your ruler, moving retrograde warns that some of your ideas are half-formed at best and could cause problems if you take them too seriously.

PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20



With mind planet Mercury still moving retrograde there is a danger you will either be too logical for your own good or abandon logic altogether.

This day in history

SEPT. 25, 1690: Publick Occurrences Both Foreign and Domestick, the first newspaper to appear in the Americas, is published for the first and only time.

SEPT. 25, 1911: Ground is broken for Fenway Park in Boston.

SEPT. 25, 1981: Sandra Day O'Connor becomes the 102nd Justice sworn in as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States and the first woman to hold the office.

SEPT. 25, 1983: Maze Prison escape: 38 republican prisoners hijack a prison meals lorry and smash their way out of HMP Maze. It is the largest prison escape since WWII and in British history.

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